

Writing a film review.

What would you expect to read in a film review? Why do people write them? Why do people read them?

Reading Comprehension

Read this review of Man of Steel. What did the reviewer think of the film?

Man of Steel



Man of Steel is the latest film about the superhero, Superman. It is directed by Zach Snyder and stars Henry Cavill as Clark Kent and Amy Adams as Lois Lane.

The film is set in Kansas, USA. Clark Kent, the main character, is a reporter who works on a newspaper called The Daily Planet. His friend, Lois Lane, is also a journalist there. Clark Kent discovered, as a young boy, that he was different from other children because he had superhuman strength, speed and agility - and the ability to fly.

At the beginning of Man of Steel, we see Clark Kent as a baby, born on a distant planet called Krypton. He is sent to Earth, where he is adopted by the Kent family, who live on a farm in Smallville, Kansas. The film then moves forward in time. Nobody knows that Clark, a shy reporter, is actually Superman, the superhero who is able to save the world from disasters. However, the evil-criminal General Zod arrives on the scene. When Zod discovers that Clark Kent is Superman, he attacks his parents' farm. Superman defends his home and defeats Zod.

Henry Cavill portrayed the part of Superman. While he was particularly good as the shy, modest Clark Kent, he was also convincing as the superhero, Superman. Amy Adams gave a good performance as Lois, warm and funny as well as clever and tough. The script was well written and the special effects, particularly in the final battle scene, were impressive. The soundtrack for the film was dramatic and inspiring. Overall, the film was definitely worth seeing.

Read the review again (part by part) and answer the following questions.

Paragraph 1

Man of Steel is the latest film about the superhero, Superman. It is directed by Zach Snyder and stars Henry Cavill as Clark Kent and Amy Adams as Lois Lane.

a) Read the first paragraph and fill in the following table.

Name of the film	
Franchise	
Director	
Lead actors	
Genre	

b) What important information is missing in paragraph one? Why is it important?

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Paragraph 2

The film is set in Kansas, USA. Clark Kent, the main character, is a reporter who works on a newspaper called The Daily Planet. His friend, Lois Lane, is also a journalist there. Clark Kent discovered, as a young boy, that he was different from other children because he had superhuman strength, speed and agility - and the ability to fly.

c) Where does it take place?

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d) Where does Clark work and what is his job?

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e) What work does Lois Lane do?

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f) What does Clark discover at a young age?

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g) What is the overall purpose of this paragraph?

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Paragraph 3

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Fill in the table with the correct word from paragraph 3

Profoundly immoral and wicked	
Being reserved or having or showing nervous	
A sudden event which causes great damage and loss of life	
Legally take another person's child and bring up the child	
Win over in a battle	
Resist and attack made by someone	
A person who has committed a crime	

h) What is the overall purpose of paragraph 3?

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i) What tense is used in this paragraph? Why?

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j) Find a double adjective used to describe person.

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Paragraph 4

Henry Cavill portrayed the part of Superman. While he was particularly good as the shy, modest Clark Kent, he was also convincing as the superhero, Superman. Amy Adams gave a good performance as Lois, warm and funny as well as clever and tough. The script was well written and the special effects, particularly in the final battle scene, were impressive. The soundtrack for the film was dramatic and inspiring. Overall, the film was definitely worth seeing.

Fill in the table with the correct word from paragraph 4

Quick to understand or learn	
with admiration	
Unassuming or moderate in the estimation of one's abilities	
Giving someone positive for creative feelings	
Exciting or impressive	

k) What is the overall purpose of paragraph 4?

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l) What tense is used in this paragraph? Why?

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m) In the final sentence of the review the reviewer writes...

“Overall, the film was definitely worth seeing”.

n) What is the problem with this recommendation?

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