

Critique Essay

A critique essay is an important way of showing your knowledge of a text or an event while still keeping a neutral opinion. In other words, In a critique the writer should describe the details or main points of a work or event, and how those details and main points support the theme or themes that they wish to discuss in their essay.

A critique should relay information that is relevant to a certain focus. Also, it should explain how that information is important to the main focus.

Prewriting:

- Read the article and take notes
- Take notes during the event, or after the event
- Ask the Question: What do I want to focus on?
- Think of details
 - Writing style in poem or article
 - Images or details of the event
 - Certain words or tone in a poem or article
 - Author's opinion or purpose
- Ask the Question: Why are these details important to the main focus of my paper?
- Ask the Question: How do these details support the main focus of my paper?

Formulate the Paper:

Introduction:

- Give a summary of the event or work you are critiquing
- State your main focus in a thesis statement
- Briefly cite the details that support your main focus

Body:

Write one paragraph on each detail that you have stated within your thesis.

Within each paragraph state how that particular detail relates to your main focus.

Use transitional words and phrases to connect the paragraphs.

Conclusion:

Restate your thesis

Tell why your main focus is relevant to the text or situation

State the importance of your critique: What it shows about the event or written work.