



# REVIEWS!

How do you know when something  
is good?

And how do you tell someone else?



# Movie Reviews

## Keep in mind...

- How the movie leaves the viewer feeling at the end
- The picture quality
- The acting quality
- The name of the actors/actresses
- Plot summary
- Does not give away the ending
- Viewers opinion of the film
- How many stars? ★★★★★
- Award winning?
- Film rating? G, PG, etc
- Genre? Action, sci-fi, romantic comedy, etc.
- [Movie review examples...CHS](#)



# More Movie Review Help

- [OK! Magazine: Movies Reviews](#)
- [How To Write a Movie Review | Writing Tips](#)

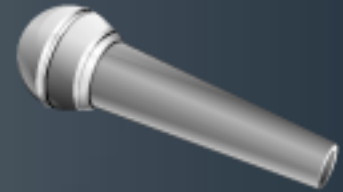
# Music/Concert Review

- Magazines, newspapers and Internet blogs publish concert reviews to give readers an opportunity to see what they missed, relive the event or just get information about the type of entertainment they can find in their area. Writing a strong review makes readers feel like they were there with you. Follow these steps to learn to take notes and write a concert review.



# Be able to answer...

- The name of the band/singers/performers
- Where and when?
- How the concert leaves the viewer feeling at the end
- The sound quality
- The singing quality
- The performance quality
- Number of people in attendance
- Song list
- Viewers opinion of the concert
- Would you want to see another concert by this performer/performers
- Award winning?
- Genre? (type of music)
- How to?
- CHS Example: Taylor Swift



# Miley Cyrus in San Antonio

Hector Saldaña, Express-News Staff Writer

It's a girl thing.

Nearly 15,000 people — the vast majority girls ages 5 to 14 accompanied by at least one parent — filled the AT&T Center on Monday to experience Hannah Montana, aka 14-year-old Disney Channel actress/singer Miley Cyrus.

The squeaky-clean, "Best of Both Worlds" screamfest concert also featured Disney superstars-in-waiting Jonas Brothers, three talented siblings who rocked out on hits such as "Hold On" and "S.O.S.," and later with the split-personality headliner on "We Got the Party (With Us)." Hannah Montana songs such as the upbeat "Life's What You Make It," "Just Like You" and "Nobody's Perfect" resonated here as loudly as the screams.

"It's cool to see someone close to our age be a star," said MacArthur freshman Rachel Perrine, 14, attending with friend Aubry Ware. "We love the show."

Many of the 'tween fans were too young to articulate exactly what the Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus magic is, but their moms usually had an answer. The parents like the wholesome image.

Unlike many who were forced to buy tickets at highly inflated prices from ticket brokers, some paid face value for theirs. Rozzanne Arsate and her 9-year-old daughter, Krickett, were in the front row. They scored the in-demand tickets when they were released a few days ago for \$56 each. Her mother said she would have been willing to pay \$100 a ticket but not a penny more. Hannah Montana tickets were being resold for hundreds and thousands of dollars. She had a message for scalpers.



[Hannah Montana!](#)

[Miley Cyrus](#)

# Brad Paisley

The reigning two-year CMA Entertainer of the Year [Brad Paisley](#) is cranking out well-recieved performances around the country with his “American Saturday Night” tour. Paisley’s collection of sing-alongs, country rockers, and acoustic ballads combined with his down-to-earth crowd interactions seem to endear him to audiences night after night. On his trademark Fender, Paisley has been exhibiting his world class guitar playing ripping through bluesy solos backed by some of Nashville’s finest musicians. Opening act Miranda Lambert has also been treat for audiences as the promising young performer has set the tone for Paisley’s show with her hit song “White Liar” now topping the country charts. Those who get to catch the last leg of Paisley’s tour will be seeing what appears to be one of the best tours of the year.

[And another Brad Paisley review](#)

[Old Alabama](#)



# Other helpful music review sites

- [www.theconcertgoer.com](http://www.theconcertgoer.com)
- [www.concertbuzz.net](http://www.concertbuzz.net)





# Video Game Reviews

- Watch a clip!
- Read a review!
- Or another
- And this one!
- This one too!
- One more if you need it!



# Video Review should include...

- **Rating system (stars or points)**
- **Genre (sports, monster, etc.)**
- **Publisher**
- **Status (out, in development, etc.)**
- **Video rating (E for everyone; M for Mature)**
- **Platform (X-box, Wii)**
- **Short review that includes the pros and cons of the video and explains the video to the player**
- **Picture of cover or one of the scenes**
- **Optional: player reviews**



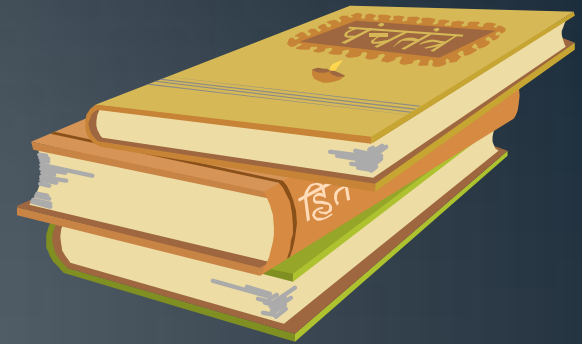
# Play Review

- [Check out a Mary Poppins clip!](#)
- [And a review!](#)
- [CISD example...Into the Woods](#)
- [NY Times Online resource](#)
- [Did he like it??](#)



# Book Reviews

- Author and Book title
- Main theme (author's message)
- Genre (fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi, etc.)
- Writing style (funny, sarcastic, etc.)
- How you feel about the book
- Research about the author
- Setting
- Main characters
- Plot...but not too much! NEVER tell what happens at the end!



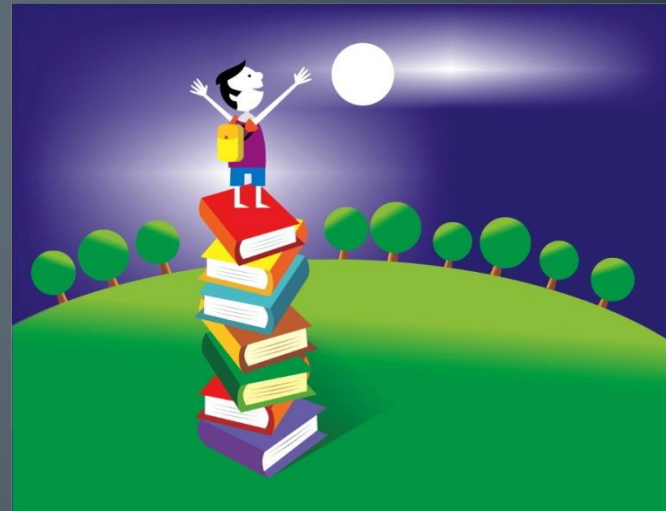
# Book Review example

## Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

- We've seen this situation before: a parent neglects a child, while the child seeks a wider community to find support. Here that child is 12-year-old Addie, who lives with Mommers in a trailer on a busy street in Schenectady after her adored stepfather and half-sisters move upstate. Mommers has lost custody of the "littles" because of neglect, and though she and Addie can laugh together, once Mommers hooks up with Pete, she is not much for good times—though she brings the bad times home. Addie finds solace in occasional visits to her sisters and in her neighbors, especially Soula, ill from her chemotherapy treatments. Connor takes a familiar plot and elevates it with smartly written characters and unexpected moments. Addie starts out being a kid who thinks she has to go along to get along, but as Mommers' actions become more egregious, her spine stiffens. And though Addie loves her time upstate, she is willing to forgo it when the normality she has there is more painful than positive. This is a meaningful story that will touch many. Grades 5-7. --Ilene Cooper, *Booklist*

# Publish your book review!

- Scholastic wants to know what you think!
- Destiny



# Restaurant Reviews



- Relevant information
  - Restaurant name, location, reservations?, outdoor seating, kid-friendly
- Type of cuisine
- Quality for the price
  - Did you get your money's worth?
- Service
- Atmosphere

# Restaurant Review Example

## Fearings Restaurant

Cuisines: Southwestern

Neighborhood: Oak Lawn

2121 McKinney Ave, Dallas, TX 75201

(214) 922-4848

“SHOULD RATE #1 FOR DOWNTOWN DALLAS”

Reviewed September 25, 2011

Not sure why this is not rated number ONE in Dallas. If going out in the evening in downtown Dallas note that it is obviously boring, quiet and dead in the evening. Except for Dakota, the prime #1 restaurant should be Dean Fearings. It is located in the beautiful Ritz Carlton Hotel downtown. There was life in this restaurant. The atmosphere was lively and we were welcomed in by Dean Fearing himself, who is on site most of the time. The food was fabulous. The service was professional, yet not overbearing or overly friendly. There are small romantic rooms to dine in and also the main well lighted dining room. I can not rave about the steaks enough so I won't bother. We rarely eat meat, but this trip we dined there two nights in a row as we wanted our fill of Texas meats and Fearings delivered. Returned back to California for my small portions of health conscious dinners after our divine dining, drinking great wines experience at Dean Fearings. ps: Met many chefs in the past while dining out, but he was the most genuine with his guests.



# Another Example...Fearings Restaurant



Consistently Fabulous Food, Service and Atmosphere”

Reviewed August 9, 2011

Since my first visit over a year ago, I have returned to Fearing's no less than five times, and each occasion was nothing short of delightful. If you're looking for a traditional hum-drum steakhouse, go to a steakhouse (or give Fearing's a try for something new and different, since there are so many steakhouses in Dallas, and the good ones are all pretty much the same in the way of quality and service). If I had to rank food, service and atmosphere in order of excellence, I simply couldn't, because each element is top-notch. I take customers and colleagues there whenever I can, and each time we go, my dinner partners rave about Fearings, too. I know of no other restaurant in Dallas where the owner is not only so visible, but also so available -- and makes every attempt to visit each table. Did I mention the dress code? No, because there isn't one, just the way Dean Fearing wanted it -- dressy if you're feeling it, but invited to come as you are, nice and relaxed. I just caught their Facebook ad for the little popsicle treats they have for summer, and I immediately made a reservation for tomorrow night -- can't wait to try 'em. And for all that, Dean Fearing, we thank you. See you tomorrow. :)