

Honors Journalism REVIEW ASSIGNMENT SHEET

The assignment

Write a 400-500 word review. Some possible things to review include albums, concerts, movies, TV shows, restaurants, books, etc. This review should be written using standard journalism conventions including short paragraphs, clear language and AP style.

Things to remember when writing your review

- Write tightly
- Vary your sentence structure
- Match your tone to your topic
- Don't allow style to overcome substance
- Don't just rant and ramble
- Balance reporting and opinion
- Good reviewers are still good reporters
- The focus of a review should be on giving reaction and context, not summary
- Speak with the voice of God
- Give your audience context by providing comparisons to like things

Things to avoid when writing your review

- Unnecessary cruelty
- Revealing surprises
- First person and second person when possible
- Vague adjectives
- Ad hominem attacks

Assessment

Your grade for this assignment will be based on the following criteria

Word count: 10 points

Journalistic grammar/conventions: 30 points

Review style as detailed above: 50 points

Compelling, relevant lead: 10 points

Well-organized body: 10 points

Logical, interesting ending: 10 points

Some final thoughts:

I have nothing.

