Film Talk Research

Introduction

* Name the film, director, and the main characters (and who plays them.)
* Explain when the film was released; the company who released it (e.g. Warner Brothers etc.) and the genre.
* Sum up what happens in the film (plot)
* Sum up what makes this a good film

Section 2 – Main character

* Name the main character and say what their role in the film is (e.g. hero, villain, comedy side-kick etc.)
* Describe their appearance and personality (focus on describing their costume and what this reveals about them e.g. relaxed, strict, eccentric, etc.)
* Pick an area from the film and explain briefly what happens and how it shows their personality.
* Explain what type of character he/she is (villain, hero etc.) and how he/she fits and differs from this stereotype.
* Explain how this character is interesting/scary/funny etc. and why this would engage the audience.

Section 3 – Relationships

* Describe and explain their relationship with another character (can be enemies, friends, relationship, family etc.)
* Name the other character and explain what their relationship is like with the main character (e.g. tense, friendly, open etc.)
* Explain what this relationship reveals about the main character (selfish, angry, tormented, heroic etc.) and **how** this is shown.
* Pick a key scene – describe what happens between these 2 characters and explain why it is interesting for the audience.

Section 4- Genre Features

* Explain what type of film it is (horror, comedy, thriller etc.)
* Explain **how** the filmmakers make the genre clear (full of car chases, dramatic soundtrack, gory deaths etc.)
* Pick 2 examples from the film and make it clear how these show its genre.
* Analyse how your film is such a good example of this genre. Explain how it keeps the audience interested.

Section 5 – Key Scene

* Pick one key scene from the film and give a little background on what is happening.
* Analyse what it reveals about the character/how it builds tension/humour/horror etc. through analysing key media techniques (if you can) such as music, lighting, special effects, camera shots.
* Explain what makes this scene so funny/interesting/scary etc.

6 – Conclusion

* Sum up why you enjoyed film.
* Sum up how the film-makers have created an interesting/ enjoyable/ funny/ scary film.