

# Writing a theatre review

**Follow these steps to write your review. You do not have to put your ideas in this order, but try to include at least one paragraph on each of these themes.**

**A little space for your thoughts about each step...**

## Headline and Byline

Write a **Headline** and **Byline**. Give your review a title, that's your Headline. The Byline is your name.

## Introduction

This should include the name of the production, **type** of play (comedy, drama, musical etc) and the **performing group**.

## Theme

Describe the main **subject matter** or **message** of the play. What is the **playwright's purpose**? Does he/she succeed? Does the play add something to your understanding and experience of life?

## Technical Aspects

Write about the **lighting**, the **set**, the **costumes** and the **sound**. How does each one affect the atmosphere of the play? Do they work together, or do they work against each other?

## Acting

Are the actors **convincing**? Are there any **outstanding performances**? Do the actors make their relationships clear?

## Directing

Is the **blocking** (the movement of the actors) appropriate to the play? Is the stage picture **balanced**? Are any **aspects of the production** confusing?

## Your Opinion

Discuss how you feel about any aspects of the play, but give reasons to back up your opinions and beliefs. Would you recommend the play? Would you like to see the company again?

A vertical column of seven thought bubbles, each with a main cloud and three smaller circles leading to it from the bottom left. The bubbles are intended for the student to write their thoughts on each step of the review process.