

Film Review Assessment

Representing Australia's Indigenous people in Film

You have a choice of three different ways of discussing your film review. Which ever you choose you must write approximately 1000-1500 words.

Choice 1: Film Review for Different Audience

Discuss in your film review, the textual representations of Indigenous Australians that can be found in all three of the film texts that you have studied. Are there any notable differences in representation within the films that can be seen between indigenous and non-indigenous film directors? In your discussion you must refer to the devices and elements that the composer has used, in order to construct their meaning. How effective have they been in portraying a clear message. Use quotes from interviews or references to scenes in the film to justify your response.

You have a choice as to which audience to write for.

Either

The review should be aimed at non-Australian readers of an overseas newspaper.

OR

The review should be written for a newspaper aimed at Indigenous Australians.

Consider the interests and knowledge of your audiences carefully, as they are very different from each other.

OR

You are writing for an Australian film magazine - audience - film enthusiasts.

Devices/elements include:

- Acting and development/ portrayal of character
- Costume,makeup and hair
- Setting/location
- Lighting and colour
- Camera angles and movement
- Framing
- Editing
- Sound (music and FX)

Films include:

Samson and Delilah
Yolngu Boy
Bran Nue Dae

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Examples of Newspaper Film Reviews:

Samson and Delilah

<<http://www.theage.com.au/news/entertainment/film/samson-makes-tilt-at-oscar/2009/10/20/1255891813701.html>>

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/entertainment/film/film-reviews/samson-and-delilah/2009/05/07/1241289282398.html>

Yolngu Boy

http://www.sbs.com.au/films/movie/1369/Yolngu_Boy

<http://www.filmreviews.net.au/2001/03/yolngu-boy-2/>

Bran Nue Dae

<<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/movies/bran-nue-dae-comes-home-to-source-of-its-awakening-20100218-og0h.html>>, accessed 28 May 2010.

<<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/entertainment/movies/bran-nue-broome-with-a-view/story-e6frefxli-1225816735761>>, accessed 28 May 2010.