How To Write a Theatre Review

You can review one play for Extra Credit:

**What kind of play is it, and what is it about?**

A brief summary of the main action is a good way to start before talking about the main themes of the play and the issues it confronts.

**What is the style of performance?**

Is the play typical of one particular genre? Is it a comedy, a tragedy, absurd, naturalistic or postmodern?

**Who are the main actors, the supporting actors?**

What are the main characters of the play?

How convincing did the actors seem in their portrayal of their characters?

How well did they use their voice, movement or gestures to express their character?

Is there someone that stands out? Describe why.

**Describe aspects of the performance in detail**.

Back up your judgement with evidence from the performance.

Topics to include are; direction, imagery, pace and timing, atmosphere or mood.

**What is the nature of the theatre experience?**

Your response to the play, but also notice how other audience members respond and the atmosphere of the evening.

**Technical aspects**

Describe what you saw:

* Blocking
* Lighting
* Stage design
* Costumes
* Sound
* Set Design