

THEATRE REVIEW

Writing Checklist

Use this checklist before submitting any theatre review. Tick each box when complete.

BEFORE YOU WRITE

- ☐ Have you watched the entire performance attentively?
- ☐ Did you take notes during the interval?
- ☐ Do you remember specific moments, lines, or images?
- ☐ Have you checked the programme for names and spellings?

THE FIVE-STEP STRUCTURE

- ☐ **INTRODUCTION:** Title, venue, creative team, dates, running time?
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- ☐ **PLOT SUMMARY:** Story context without major spoilers?
- ☐ **PERFORMANCE:** Named actors with specific examples?
- ☐ **DESIGN:** Sets, costumes, lighting, sound discussed?
- ☐ **REACTION:** Personal response and clear recommendation?

THE THREE POWERS OF PERSUASION

- ☐ **ETHOS:** Named creatives and correct terminology?
- ☐ **PATHOS:** Emotional responses described honestly?
- ☐ **LOGOS:** Opinions supported with specific evidence?

FINAL CHECKS

- ☐ Have you checked spelling of all names?
- ☐ Is the verdict clear?
- ☐ Would a reader know whether to see this show?
- ☐ Is it interesting to read — not just informative?

Remember: *A good review helps readers decide for themselves!*