

Play Evaluation

The Basic Information:

Author:

Title:

Publication Date:

Producing Company:

Theatre Name:

In what time period was the play set?

Plot Summary: a brief outline of the basic story

Thinking about the play

What were the major ideas the play was concerned with?

Do you think these ideas are important for our society to consider?

What moment prompted the most crucial conflict?

What was the final resolution? Was the author's point of view clearly expressed?

Do you feel the ideas of the play were presented fully and accurately? Explain your reasoning.

Thinking about the production

Which performances did you find most convincing? Describe elements of technique or choices in characterization that made those performances stand out.

Was there a performance you found lacking? Why?

What aspects of design did you find most successful? Consider the impact of set design, costumes, lighting, and sound. Describe specific elements.

Was any technical aspect less than successful? Why?

Answer the following four questions if the play you are evaluating is a musical.

What was the style of the music? Was it effective in exploring characters and/or themes?

How effective were the vocal performances, including both the soloists and the chorus? Was there a standout performer or number?

How did the dance elements add to the overall experience? How effective was the execution?

Were the vocal and orchestral elements balanced?

Your Personal Response

Was your overall opinion of the play favorable or not?

Cite specific reasons (the story, the theatre space, the acting, the design work, the technical skill, etc.)

What moment of the play formed the strongest impact on you?

What moment did you find least successful?

How would you describe your overall emotional response to the play?