FILM REVIEW WRITING:

TWILIGHT (1

Twilight is a 126-min romance fantasy *written by* Melissa Rosenberg, *directed by* Catherine Hardwicke, and *produced by* Mark Morgan. *It was released* in November 2008.

• The film is set in Washington and Arizona. It stars a teenager (Kristen Stewart) and a vampire (Robert Pattinson). It tells the story of a high-school girl and a mysterious vampire. The two fall in love, but they have to overcome social pressure and other obstacles to take a chance be together. Kirsten's acting was

impressive in the film, and Rober's performance was captivating. Twilight *received* numerous film *awards* including MTV Movie Award, People's Choice Award, and Young Artist Award. In addition, *it was nominated for* Best Fantasy Film at the 35th Saturn Awards; and also nominated for two Grammy Awards.

I find this film to be incredibly moving, exciting, and thrilling. In fact, *my favorite aspect of the film is* its touching scenes. The special effects are just amazing, especially the ones featuring the wolves fighting. *Another great thing that I like about Twilight* is its terrific sound track. It suits the mood of the film in a perfect way. *The only thing I don't like about the film is* some of its extremely bloody scenes. They are disappointing. Yet, *the best thing about it is its excellent plot. The story is very relatable because it explores* these important classic and modern-day *themes of* good and evil, sacrifice, the power of love, the power of tradition, appearance and reality, man and the natural world, and family pressure.

5 Over all, I think this film contains great directing and acting. It is full of emotional moments, and tells an excellent moral story. That's why I highly recommend it. Everyone should see it. It's a must-see !

- 1. Read the first paragraph and say what type of movie / genre Twilight is.
- 2. Look at the poster and guess what the movie might be about.
- 3. Read the review and write the numbers next to the corresponding subheadings below.
- **a.** Summary of the plot and some information about the movie.
- **b.** Title of the movie.
- **c.** Opinion and recommendation.
- **d.** Introduction (title, type of film, running time, year, director, producer,...).
- e. Evaluation (things the writer (doesn't) like(s) about the movie).

Useful Expressions:

Author / Director, Producer

- The film is directed by ...
- The film is produced by...
- ♣ The script was written by...
- The book is written by ...

Setting

- The action of the film is set in ...
- The story takes place in (place)... in (date)

Characters, actors and the plot

- The main characters are ...
- ♣ The story is about
- It is starred by...
- The film / book tells the story of ...
- In the course of the story the action develops dramatically.
- The film / book begins with...
- The film / book has an unexpected ending.
- ♣ The end of ... is ...

Evaluation

- I am impressed by ...
- The book is terribly / beautifully written.
- The film is terrible / exciting.
- ♣ What surprised me is ...
- What I liked best is ...
- What I didn't like is ...
- ♣ I liked/didn't like the film / book because ...
- The best thing about the film is its excellent plot. The story is very relatable because it explores

Opinion and recommendation

- ♣ I think the film / book ...
- In my opinion, the film / book is filled with lots of...
- I highly recommend the film because ...
- The film is a must-see as it has something for everyone, from children to adults.

