Introduction to the theme of the unit

1. **Sustainable development** is a development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.

2. **Basic elements of development**: good infrastructure, high percentage of literacy, strong economy, advanced science and technology, social justice, etc.

3. **Negative sides of development**: pollution, stress, decrease of nature and increase of building, people become more materialist, etc.

4. “**Think globally act locally**”: It means to see the big picture, but do your part to make it happen on a smaller scale. **For example**: Think globally. Take into consideration pollution which affects the world. Act locally. Reduce your carbon footprint at home and protect green areas. You usually cannot affect the world unless you first affect your local situation.

**Vocabulary Work:**

1. **A simile** is a figure of speech where **somebody or something is compared to somebody or something else**, using the words ‘as’ or ‘like’.
   **For Example**: the frightened child was as quite as a mouse. ; Her face is like a moon.

2. **A metaphor** expresses that **somebody or something is somebody or something else**, but it does **not use ‘like’ or ‘as’**.
   **For example**: time is money. ; Sawsan’s success is the fruit of her hard work

**Communication:**

### Expressing Certainty and Uncertainty

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A good film review must contain these four elements

a. credits and recommendation
b. plot and characters
c. evaluation and last analysis
d. conclusion

A. Credits and recommendation:
In the introduction you have to write:

1. Credits:
   - Title and year
   - Genre: comedy, drama, horror, adventure film, thriller, science fiction, love story, …
   - Director

2. Recommendation:
State the reasons why your reader(s) should watch the movie.

B. Plot:
In the body, you have to write the synopsis or summary of the plot. Make sure that your summary makes sense to a reader who does not know the movie. Do not refer to specific scenes and do not try to explain everything.

You must also include the next items, but not as different parts.

1. Place and time: Where does the action take place? When does the action take place? (present time, 19th century…)
2. Background: society, country, kind of people (age, culture social class…), historical time…

Characters:
Main characters:
1. physical description
2. psychological description
3. age, nationality, social/personal background, etc

C. Evaluation and last analysis
• What message is being told? What was the director's purpose or intention or the theme of the film?
• Compare with other realities you know (your country, historical fact or event, other film from the same director or genre…)

D. Conclusion:
Write a conclusion and express your opinion about the film.
• What's your opinion?

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.

FILM REVIEW WRITING SAMPLE: TWILIGHT

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 Robber’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 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.

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!