

# Critiques summary

## Introduction

### Purpose

You may need to write a critique to identify the strengths and weaknesses of a particular resource (such as a text or performance).

### Steps to writing a critique

1. Familiarise yourself with the features of the text.
2. Identify the main issues and the structure of the text.
3. Make notes on the topics or issues you want to feature in your critique, focusing on the key ideas, the data and examples provided and the structure of the text. You may need to alert the reader to the author's conceptual framework, which is the author's approach to the topic.
4. Evaluate the information you have identified. Refer to other evidence where appropriate to support your analysis.
5. Write your critique using your notes, ensuring you have represented the ideas/issues from the text accurately and fairly.

## Structure and content

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1. Introduction
2. Body paragraphs
3. Conclusion

### Content

Introduction	Full bibliographic details of the text Overview of the text (optional) Author's conceptual framework
Body	Summary of the content of the text with a critical analysis which focuses of the strengths and weaknesses of the ideas/issues
Conclusion	Overall evaluation of how well the text achieves its aims and contributes to the topic.

## Critical analysis

Consider the following questions when evaluating the text:

1. What was the author's purpose in writing the text?
2. Has the author achieved his/her aims?
3. How has the author organised the text?

4. Does the evidence provided adequately support the main argument?
5. Is the evidence used effectively to support the main argument?
6. Has the author ignored/missed out other relevant evidence?
7. How does the text contribute to the our overall understanding of the topic or the discipline of study?