

Southwell U3A: Film Appreciation Group

Questions to be considered when discussing a film

1. What did you think of the film? How many 'stars' out of five?
(Personal appreciation)
2. Does the film belong to a specific genre (eg: action, comedy, crime, horror, science fiction)? Is it typical of the genre? How does it compare with equivalent films?
3. What is the source of the screenplay? Is it adequate?
4. Are the locations and mise-en-scène appropriate and effective?
5. Are the characters believable? Are the actors appropriately cast? What is the quality of the acting?
6. What were the influences on the director- what is the message/theme of the film? What other films has this director made?
7. Does the film make use of symbols or symbolism?
8. Is the cinematography effective? Does the film make use of colour, texture, lighting etc to enhance the theme or message?
9. How does the soundtrack contribute to the theme or message? If music is used, is it appropriate and functional?
10. Are there special effects in the film? Does the film sacrifice plot or characterisation for the effects themselves?
11. How many stars now? Have you changed your views in light of the discussion?
(Technical merit)