**How to Write a Critique for a Scene or Performance**

**A critique is an evaluation of a performance of a scene.**

**Paragraph 1—The Plot**

**Briefly summarize the plot of the show:**

* **How well did the story work?**
* **Was it interesting, entertaining?**
* **Did you like the actual script?**

**Paragraph 2—The Acting**

**Reactions to the performers playing the characters in the play:**

* **Use their real names and character names**
* **Were they believable?**
* **How was their volume and articulation?**
* **Did their gestures and body movement stay true to the character?**

**Paragraph 3—The Reaction**

**What is the scene’s effect on the audience?**

* **Was the audience attentive?**
* **Was the audience interested?**
* **What was your opinion of the scene as a whole?**

**Remember to:**

* **Back up all your opinions with valid reasons.**
* **Be objective, fair, and sincere.**
* **Evaluate the entire production.**
* **Be constructive. Indicate good points along with those you felt needed improvement.**
* **Type your critique and accompany it with a ticket stub, playbill, or flyer with parent’s/guardian’s signature.**