
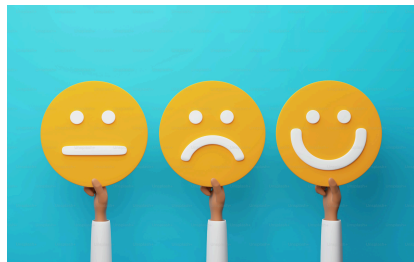


Knowledge Organiser: Writing to Persuade – Review of The Piano		
Year Group: 6	Subject: English	Spring 2
The Big Picture		
<p>In this unit, pupils will develop persuasive writing skills by writing a review of the animation The Piano. The focus will be on presenting clear, structured arguments and using emotive language effectively. Pupils will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Analyse persuasive techniques.</li><li>● Explore different viewpoints.</li><li>● Justify opinions with evidence.</li><li>● Strengthen their ability to structure writing clearly using bullet points, paragraphs, and linking words.</li></ul>		
What is a Review?	Prior Learning	
<p>A review is a piece of writing that gives an opinion about a book, film, or experience. A good review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Explains what the subject is about (without giving too much away!).</li><li>★ Expresses an opinion and justifies it with reasons.</li><li>★ Uses persuasive language to engage the reader.</li><li>★ Provides a balanced view by considering strengths and weaknesses.</li><li>★ Includes a conclusion summarising the overall verdict.</li></ul>	<p>Year 5: Writing persuasive letters and discussions. Experience with emotive language and structuring arguments.</p>	
	Gaps to Address	
	<p>Some pupils may struggle with structuring balanced arguments. Differentiation will support pupils in organising</p>	
		
Key Vocabulary		

Term	Definition
<b>Emotive language</b>	Words that create an emotional response in the reader.
<b>Rhetorical question</b>	A question asked for effect, not meant to be answered.
<b>Opinion</b>	A personal belief or viewpoint.
<b>Justification</b>	Providing evidence and reasons to support a point of view.

### Language Features of a Persuasive Review

- ☐ Emotive language (e.g., "heart-wrenching," "unforgettable")
- ☐ Rhetorical questions (e.g., "Have you ever experienced something so moving?")
- ☐ Exaggeration (e.g., "This is the most powerful short film ever made!")
- ☐ Facts and statistics (if available, to strengthen arguments)
- ☐ Personal pronouns (e.g., "I believe," "We all should watch this film")

### Structural Features of a Persuasive Review

1. Title – Engaging and informative (e.g., A Masterpiece of Emotion: A Review of The Piano)
2. Introduction – Hook the reader with a strong opening statement.
3. Brief Summary – Outline the film without revealing key spoilers.
4. Opinion Paragraphs – Explain strengths and weaknesses using persuasive language.
5. Conclusion – Summarise key points and give a final verdict.
6. Star Rating (Optional) – E.g., ★★★★★ (5/5) with a short explanation.

### Top Tips for Writing an Effective Review

- Hook the reader with a powerful opening.
- Give a concise summary without revealing spoilers.
- Express your opinion clearly and support it with reasons.
- Use persuasive techniques like emotive language and rhetorical questions.
- Consider both positives and negatives to provide a balanced view.
- Write in paragraphs and ensure ideas flow logically.
- End with a strong conclusion and a final verdict.