

Men In Black **Short Film Review Assignment**

A film review is written for a magazine, or newspaper and its purpose is to give people an idea of what the movie is like before they see it. Although the production of a movie is difficult in and of itself, what makes it even more challenging is taking a literary work and putting it on the big screen. Does this short film live up to the original text? You be the judge!

Your assignment is to write a film review of the film adaptation of Colby Buzzell's *Men in Black*.



The animated short film below, *Men in Black*, was adapted from Colby Buzzell's book *My War: Killing Time in Iraq*. The piece was created by director Richard Robbins as part of his award-winning documentary *Operation Homecoming* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDG4cZ0Cx2Q&feature=related>

In writing this review, you must consider such aspects as images, plot, sets, sounds, and special effects, etc. Use the following questions below to help you develop your critique for this short film:

- How effectively did the film makers of this movie employ the author's symbols to convey the theme(s) and Images?
- What message did you get from the film version? Do you think those are the messages that the author of the original work intended? Explain.
- What scenes in the film sum up the theme effectively? How do camera shots, lighting, setting and acting contribute to the impact of the theme in the scenes

Length: five paragraphs or approximately 1 page

Introduction

- Begin with an interesting comment about the film that grabs the reader's attention.
- State whether, or not you liked the film and provide one or two reasons why.
- Thesis: State whether or not you feel this was a good film adaptation of the text

Paragraph 2

- Provide one main reason of why you did/did not think the film was a good adaptation of the short story.
- Provide a good example of this as evidence and explain it thoroughly

Paragraph 3

- Provide a second main reason of why you did/did not think the film was a good adaptation of the short story.
- Provide a good example of this as evidence and explain it thoroughly

Paragraph 4

- Provide a third main reason of why you did/did not think the film was a good adaptation of the short story.
- Provide a good example of this as evidence and explain it thoroughly

Conclusion

- Begin with a comment that states that overall you did/did not like the film
- Explain that you would/would not like people to see the film
- Conclude with some clever final comment about the film

Give a rating out of 5 stars!

