Materials You'll Need:

- An age-appropriate movie of your choice
- Device for watching the movie (TV, tablet, computer)
- Notebook or paper
- Pen or pencil
- Optional: Computer or tablet for typing the final review
- Optional: Movie Review Graphic Organizer (You can make one with sections for Title, Genre, Director, Main Characters, Plot Summary, Likes, Dislikes, Rating, Recommendation)

Lesson Activities:

Part 1: Become a Movie Critic! (Introduction)

Have you ever watched a movie and couldn't wait to tell someone if it was amazing or terrible? That's what movie critics do! A movie review is a way to share your opinion about a film and persuade others whether they should watch it or not. Today, you get to be the critic!

Part 2: Lights, Camera, Active Viewing! (Watch the Movie)

Choose an age-appropriate movie you're excited to watch. As you watch, don't just sit back – be an active viewer! Grab your notebook and jot down some notes. Think about:

- **Characters:** Who are the main characters? What are they like? Do you like them?
- **Plot:** What happens in the movie? What is the main problem or conflict? How is it resolved?
- **Setting:** Where and when does the movie take place? Is it important to the story?
- **Likes/Dislikes:** What parts did you really enjoy? What parts didn't you like or found confusing? Note specific scenes or moments.
- **Theme:** What is the main message or idea the movie is trying to share?

Don't worry about writing perfect sentences, just get your thoughts down!

Part 3: Analyze Your Findings (Post-Movie Reflection)

Once the movie is over, look at your notes. If you made a graphic organizer, fill it out. Think about:

- **Overall Opinion:** Did you like the movie overall? Why or why not?
- **Rating:** How would you rate the movie (e.g., stars out of 5, thumbs up/down)?
- **Key Evidence:** What specific examples from the movie (scenes, characters, dialogue) support your opinion? Find at least 2-3 strong examples.
- **Recommendation:** Who would you recommend this movie to? (e.g., kids your age, families, people who like adventure, etc.) Or would you recommend people skip it?

Part 4: Structure Your Review (Outline)

A good movie review usually has a clear structure:

1. **Introduction:** Hook the reader! Mention the movie title and genre. Briefly state your overall opinion and rating.
2. **Body Paragraph 1 (Summary):** Briefly summarize the plot without giving away major spoilers! Introduce the main characters and setting.
3. **Body Paragraph 2 (Analysis/Likes):** Discuss what you liked about the movie. Use specific examples from your notes to support your points (e.g.,

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