Berwyn Public Library Teen Movie/Video Game Review Guidelines:

Thanks for agreeing to write a movie or video game review for us—we’re so excited to share your thoughts about a movie or video game you’ve enjoyed with other Berwyn teens. Here’s a guideline for how we’d like them to be formatted and written; when you’re finished, please share your review in Google Docs format with berwynlibraryteens@gmail.com.

If you do not have access to Google Docs, you may attach the review to your e-mail as a Microsoft Word document. From there, we will edit it and post it to our teen blog! We reserve the right to refuse reviews that don’t adhere to these guidelines and/or contain inappropriate content.

Please include:

• Your Name (Full First Name and First Initial of your Last Name)
• Title (a movie/video game we have in the collection here at Berwyn Public Library)
• Genre
• Rating 1-5 Stars
  o 1 Star= HOW did this movie/video game get made?! You’re better using it as a coaster.
  o 2 Stars= Needs more work-watchable, but there’s a weak plot, poor writing, bland characters, etc.
  o 3 Stars= Good, but not great. Entertaining.
  o 4 Stars= Better than most media.
  o 5 Stars= Hard to imagine a better movie or video game-get out to the library now to get it before someone else does!

• Brief summary of the movie/video game (ideally 2-4 sentences)
  o Write a brief summary of the movie/video game in your own words. Be careful to avoid spoilers, and don’t give away the whole plot-think of it as a trailer!

• Your review! This should be at least two paragraphs.
  o Questions you might consider answering:
    ▪ Did you like the movie/video game? If so, why?
      • If you didn’t like it, what didn’t you like?
    ▪ Were you able to relate to any of the characters or situations in the movie?
    ▪ What was the most exciting part of the game play? Why was it exciting?
    ▪ Why did you decide to watch/play this movie/game?
    ▪ Who would you recommend this to?
    ▪ Was this like others movies you’ve seen or games you’ve played? If so, which ones?
    ▪ What thoughts or feelings did the movie or video game inspire in you?
    ▪ Consider the cover and other non-plot traits of it-what did you think of them?