

User Comment

Patch Adams is Incredible! Robin William stuns us with another impressive performance as the title role and the plot sparkles with just the right mix of humour and serious drama that brings a heart toughing result. The main idea of the plot is after committing himself to a mental hospital, suicidal Patch realises he wants to become a doctor and help people after experiencing the poor treatment of some of the patients.

Communicates a point of view clearly and confidently

I enjoyed *Patch Adams* so much because of the clever and humorous way they film deals with illness and death. The film expresses some important themes, and communicates a lesson that every doctor should learn- laughter is a medicine! I recommend this movie to all ages. Patch has something for everyone!

Usefulness & Appeal of 'User Comments'

The user comments that I have read on the Internet Movie Data Base were very opinionated. However they do seem to offer the average persons simple views on the movies rather than the fine nit-picking of some formal reviews. My user comment on Patch Adams is obviously very positively for the movie. Though, just because I enjoyed it and wrote an enthusiastic comment it doesn't mean that it wasn't an incredibly awful movie.

Another point about user comments is their writers usually focus on expressing their opinions on just one or a few aspects of the movie. For example talking about just the story line, or just accentuating how great a particular actor is. They do not give us a broad understanding of the movie as a whole, including the editing, acting and other details like directing.

Evaluates the capacity of websites to convey unbiased points of view

Most user comments are not particularly concise; some resemble long winded speeches, usually by wannabe directors. The English is often jumbled, in no particular order, with no paragraphs and not much direction. With exceptions the authors don't usually consider what audience they are writing to, expressing themselves in the first words that crawl out of their head.

I don't consider the user comments to be very useful to the serious movie goer. Anyone has access to the website and could easily write a completely uneducated remark on a film they may have not even bothered watched. It is hard to take some of the comments seriously when their writers' views are so obviously biased. It is interesting to know some peoples opinions but, that's all they are: opinions.

Grade Commentary

Ariel has produced an effective movie review with user comment section, demonstrating a thorough understanding of both the review text type and the film. The review is well-structured and informative, but needs to provide more analysis of film techniques. Although the level of language is appropriate, and at times is quite sophisticated in language choice, better editing is needed.

Ariel's response demonstrates characteristics of work typically produced by a student performing at grade B standard at the end of Stage 5.