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Anime Review Writing Genre

There are many kinds of writing genres in our world. Books, newspapers, guides, manuals…remember the essays that you need to write in school…yep it’s also another type of writing. Writings are everywhere, something that can be as simple as typing a text message to someone is also one. Each of those writings are written in their own way with methods on writing those types of genre. Reviews are another example of writing genre that many people use. Reviews are people’s opinions or their appraisal to something. It could be like a product they used, or shows they watched. There are many kinds of reviews and the one that I have an interest in is anime reviews.

First off, what is anime? Anime is an animated show or movie that is hand-drawn, and computer animated by using aspects of Japanese-style animations. Anime has a multitude of genres to watch from. This form of film is not targeted for young children or teenager. They can be watched by anyone of all ages. In the article, “The History Of Anime”, Lisa Marie Cooper, a promotion-pusher from the Anime Today podcast and question-answerer on the AnimeNewsNetwork, says that the very first Japanese animated film goes way back in 1917 where it was made with chalk by a Japanese person named Shimokawa Oten. But the first Japanese animated film that was released was *Dekobo Shingacho – Melan no Shippai (Dekobo’s New Picture Book – Failure of a Great Plan)*. That was when manga artists Oten Shimokawa and Junichi Kouchi as well as painter Seitaro Kitayama were hired by an existing film studio and worked together on anime (*RightStufAnime,* Cooper). They were nicknamed “the fathers of anime” for their remarkable achievements.

Where theres anime…then theres also anime reviews. Anime reviews can be done by anyone to write their opinion about the anime they watch. I think anime reviews are important in the society. But first, this genre goes in the same discourse community of anime fans (another familiar name would be an otaku or weeaboo). Some anime fans go into dept and talk about the anime through reviews. And this helps the audience to see if they are interested in the type of anime they found. There are people that do reviews in well-known companies that have written this type of genre. A website called *Anime News Network* is a trusted anime source that people use to find out anything you need to know about topics that fall under the “anime” category. Another website that is used for social networking is *MyAnimeList* which is used to organize all the released anime or manga and scored by the community. This genre is directed to anyone of all ages…if you find the anime that you’re looking for, you basically can also find reviews about them. There are reviews on people that watched an anime and made a review on the one they finished or reviews that tells you if an anime is recommended for you, so you would want to watch it yourself.

All the anime review examples I am using is in *MyAnimeList*. The reviews are made by the community in MAL that people have found the reviews to be very helpful to others. The main message of these reviews is to let the readers know what they are about to encounter watching a specific anime. The message that they are all similar in is the fact that they all talk about the different parts of an anime, basically what makes the anime overall good or bad to them. The story, animation, sound, and character development are the form that most anime review uses. Whats difference about these anime reviews is that all of them are about how the author enjoys this specific anime in their own way but also agreeing on some points. Each review is special in their own way that talks about this specific anime but in a different way that even I can understand and maybe agree to the review as well. There are constraints that are associated with the anime reviews. The anime review must not entirely be a spoiler about the entire anime and plot specifics that can affect the audience enjoyment. The most important one that I think is to not address readers in a positive or negative way that compares to other works (*MyAnimeList,* Kineta). In other words, anime reviews cannot be bias and have comments or disagreements on other authors review.

One anime review that I found very helpful and very interesting to read that caught my attention is by the username Major\_Gilbert, a user that is part of the MAL community for 3 years, that had a review on the anime *Violet Evergarden*, a young girl that used to fight in a great war that is now working at a postal service writing letters that transcribes people’s thoughts and feelings into words. The overall score that Gilbert gave was an 8 out of 10, so the message of this review Gilbert gave will be a positive tone that lets the readers to want to watch the anime and see what they will experience. Gilbert explains how the story progress on the main character trying to find the meaning of “love” and emotions. The most positive review that Gilbert gave was the animation of this anime, Gilbert says that “This is probably the best part and what made VE get such high expectations.” (*MyAnimeList*, Major\_Gilbert) which I also can agree on. The audience that this review is directed on would be people who likes drama with beautiful animation with a slow-paced story but with a positive feeling. Gilbert did not include any spoilers about the whole anime, he only explained what you will expect to see if you are to watch this anime. This review is important to the community because there were criticisms about *Violet Evergarden* that the story was too straightforward and wasn’t good. But from the reviews (not only just Gilbert’s about VE), most of them had a positive review about the anime. Whats important about this type of writing is for a fact, the character development. Not for this review, but for most of the other anime reviews. In this community, most people want to see the character develop through the story. During the journey of the character and to see how well the character developed at the end. Gilbert explains that Violet Evergarden (main protagonist of the anime) development was very clear and outstanding but his only “…disappointment is the development of the other characters, especially Hodgins, Cattleya and Benedict.” (*MyAnimeList,* Major\_Gilbert). What I personally find most significant about this anime review was, again, the animation of VE. I can for sure agree that the animation was phenomenal. The scenery and their face expressions. I would recommend this anime to anyone as well and the very first thing I will bring up would be the animation.

In conclusion, anime review helps a lot since most of them explain in dept about the anime. You may think you won’t expect anything or find something good about a review on an anime. But, because there are constraints keeping the community from harming other reader’s enjoyment, the readers will expect what to come from reading a review. In other word, they wouldn’t feel any tension coming from a well-made review from the community. If you’re searching up for anime’s to watch, theres usually going to be spoilers around. But being in a community that you feel safe about it, you will likely know what will anticipate.

The anime of this season that brightens your day in the summer. Theres always that one show where people gives too much praises about it and it goes downhill. But not for this anime.

*Grand Blue* is an entertaining comedy anime about a high school student that is going into his first college life. This is one of the funniest anime I have seen in a while. What you expect out of a comedy anime, *Grand Blue* has all of those that is about the enjoyable characters and entertainment.

Story (8/10):

From the synopsis of the anime, you expect it will be about a teenage boy that is about to start his days as a freshman in college when he moves to his uncle’s scuba diving shop. Guess we were all wrong…to be honest, I WOULD be disappointed since this is coming out from a comedy anime. HOWEVER, the fact that none of those things are about this anime. Most of it is about the main character’s daily life adventures and the other characters around him.

Now here’s where it gets weird, you may think it is about him learning what diving is like. BUT NO, most of this show is 80% naked men drinking alcohol and that’s where the comedy comes from. And only a bit of diving. The story line that *Grand Blue* creates is decent, it’s not a story-based anime however, I can agree that the main purpose is to make the audience laugh.

Animation/Art (8/10):

Since it’s a “diving” anime, there must be some scenes about diving. The art is beautiful considering how during the diving scenes of them being underwater to present it in a beautiful way. The animation is decent, the studio did a great job on that. There are some parts which are more focused on like their face expressions. Comedy anime…can’t expect much from the scenery but focuses on the character more…except…” diving” that is, but these aren’t what we are here for anyways.

Sound (9/10):

The opening theme of *Grand Blue* is like one of the best songs I have heard this season. You can keep listening to this song and you won’t feel bored about it. This song feels like summer…it feels like you want to get out of your chair and do something entertaining. It makes me excited to watch the anime and keeps me on wanting more of this. The voice actors done an excellent job providing the perfect tone that went well with the scene they are in. There were no unnecessarily sounds where it was not needed.

Characters (8/10):

The characters are unique, they each had their own funny side that fit perfectly for this anime. From watching this anime, you can tell exactly what each character’s personality is throughout the anime. It’s simple enough to understand and has all to offer what is necessary for a gag anime. There are different characters that ranges from a loving cousin that has a crush on her little sister to a weird otaku loving that is always disagreeing to the main character.

Overall Enjoyment (10/10):

In conclusion, *Grand Blue* is a must watch when it comes to make people laugh. If you want an anime that you want to enjoy and laugh, this is the one you are looking for. I am satisfied with this anime on how amazing it is. It looks dumb at first, but its something you look forward to. I would recommend this to someone if they want an anime that’s all about comedy.

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