

## NY Times Review Writing Contest

1. Go to the writing contest website by either searching "NY Times Student Review Writing Contest" or typing in this URL:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/27/learning/our-second-annual-student-review-contest.html>

2. Surf around on the website (ignore the contest end date), being sure to do the following:

- a. Watch *The Force Awakens* Review video.
- b. Read the movie review on *Cooties* (linked to that page.)
- c. Take notes on the rubric (linked to that page), including defining any unknown words.

3. Go to the "Related Lesson plan page" link. Page title is **Thinking Critically: Reading and Writing Culture Reviews**.

- a. Watch *The Martian* review video. Be patient! It takes a while to load:
- b. Read the "Advice from 3 Times Critics" PDF link and take notes on how to write a good review/what makes a review a strong one.
- c. Scroll down to the "Reading Model Times Reviews to Understand the Form" and read that introduction.
  - i. Read FOUR different example reviews. Examples should be from at least two different types (ie, book review, restaurant review, etc.)
  - ii. Complete the "Reading Reviews with a Critical Eye" for at least TWO of the example reviews you read.

4. Brainstorm 6 or more possible things on which you could write a review.

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