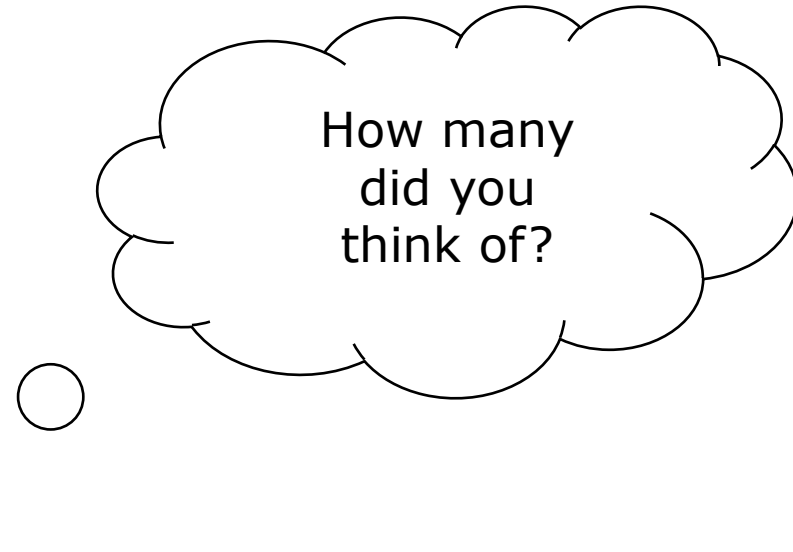# What is a review?

A review is an opinion that comments on how good or bad a book, film, play, or other work of art is.

- Telling a friend
- Film review
- Book review
- TV programme review
- Game review
- Music review
- Theatre review
- Blog review
- Website review

How many did you think of?

What is a synopsis?

- The part of a review that describes the plot is called a 'synopsis'.

- A review should tell the reader a little bit about what happens in the film – but not too much!

- Too much detail can be boring for the reader and might even ruin the film.

- That's why giving away the end of the film in a review is called a 'spoiler'!

Can you guess the film from the synopsis?

The second in a series of fantasy films about the adventures of a young boy and his friends at a magical school. Someone- or something- is terrorising the students, but can the three friends solve the mystery before it's too late?

- **The answer is…**
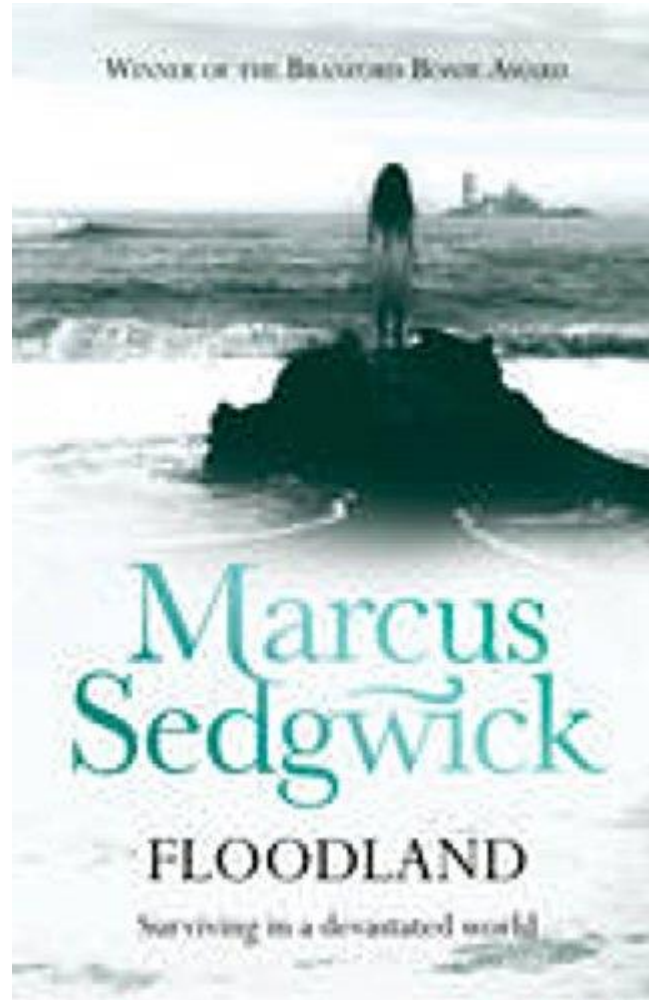
Harry potter AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

Can you guess the book from the synopsis?

In an England covered by water, Zoe lives alone in the island of Norwich, lost by her parents in the rush to escape. Desperate to survive the marauding gangs, she digs a derelict boat out of the mud and makes her way to Eels Island, only to find that this island is dominated by danger too.

- **The answer is...**

Floodland

Five things to include in your review

1. **An introduction** that makes your reader want to read on.

2. **A short synopsis** (story summary) – with no spoilers!

3. **Interesting information about the book** – the genre, audience (who is the book aimed at), interesting facts or awards.

4. **What** did you **like** or **dislike** and **why**?

5. **Summarise** your review.