

MY SISTER'S SHOES

Majid Majidi

Review

A review is an in depth analysis of a literary piece of work. It makes a comprehensive discussion on the plot, characters, theme, feeling and background of the work

My sister's shoe depicts four scenes of a family drama of the film 'Children of heaven' by Majid Majidi. Prepare a review of the screen play.

'Children of Heaven' is a touching play directed by the renowned Iranian film maker Majid Majidi. My sister's shoe is an extract taken from the screen play of 'Children of Heaven'. Four important scenes are well presented in the play. The family's precarious condition and financial constraints are beautifully depicted in the play. The shopkeeper demands money to Ali to pay off their debt. He said that their borrowing had crossed the limit. They could not even pay the rent. It shows their financial state.

Ali is depicted as the main character in the play who belongs to a poor Iranian family. He is presented as a lovable, hardworking, devoted and sincere boy who always cares about his parents and his beloved sister in the film. He was busy in

the beginning of the film at cobbler's shop. He had to repair his sister's shoe. So Ali took the shoe of his sister Zahra to the cobbler. He places the bag of shoes in the small gap between two boxes. After collecting the vegetable, he noticed that his bag was not seen there. The junk collector came and took thinking that it was garbage.

Ali came to home desperately and told Zahra that he missed her shoes. She was stunned and shocked to hear the loss of dear shoes. She could not believe this tragic news. But she was being comforted by Ali. He told her not to tell their father about the loss of shoes. Zahra agreed but the loss of shoes frustrated much and she could not think about going to school without her shoes. She was fully aware that buying shoes was beyond their means. She agreed to go to school by wearing his sneakers.

The play focuses on the values like love, patience, affection, consideration and gives much importance in family relationship. The author beautifully depicts the family adjustment, cooperation and mutual understanding in the play which are necessary to have these qualities in human society.

PROFILE

Profile is a short description of a person's life and career. It highlights the personal details and major achievements of the person described. Given data should be prioritized and linked logically.

Points to ponder

- ✓ Give a title –usually the name of the person,
- ✓ Use only the details provided: don't add extra details or don't skip given details.
- ✓ Organize the given data logically and coherently.
- ✓ Use appropriate linkers and cohesive devices wherever necessary.
- ✓ Develop the hints in well-formed sentences using supporting details.
- ✓ Use appropriate descriptive words.
- ✓ Should be concise and precise.

Key points

- Gives a suitable title
- Write effective introduction and conclusion
- Use proper linkers to connect the ideas
- Use all the given hints with correct language
- Use appropriate descriptive words

Prepare a short profile of MajidMajidi using the hints given below

Born : April 17, 1959

Education : Institute of Dramatic Arts, Tehran

Known as : Film director, Producer, Screen writer

Famous Films : Children of Heaven (1997), The Color of Paradise(1999)Baran(2001),the willow Tree(2005)

Awards : Grand Prix Award

Nomination Children of Heaven, for the Academy Award for the best foreign language film.

Majid Majidi

Majid Majidi was born on 17 April 1959. He started his film career as an actor. his films, Majidi has touched on many themes and genres and has won numerous International Award. He has directed several films including ‘the Colour Paradise’ (1999), ChildrenHeavan (1997), Baran (2001), The Willow Tree (2005)etc. in 1998, Majidi directed the film ‘Children of Heaven “which was nominated for the Academy Award for the best Foreign Language Film. This is the forst Iranian film to have been nominated by the Academy.

NOTICE

Following points to be taken into consideration before preparing a notice

- what is the programme/ event/function
- who conducts the programme/ event/function
- when is the programme/event/function
- where is the programme/event/function
- Date and place of the notice issuing authority
- conclude with the signature and name of the issuing authority

1. The theatre Club of your school has decided to stage the play “My sister’s shoe” in your school. Prepare a notice with all the details inviting the students to participate in the programme.

NOTICE

MODEL SCHOOL, GOA

FILM FESTIVAL

Dear Friends,

The Film Club of our school has decided to organize a film festival on 24th August 2018 at 10 am in the school auditorium. Renowned screenplay writer and film director Mr Adoor Gopalakrishnan will inaugurate the festival. All are cordially invited to the function.

All are welcome

Malappuram

Secretary

10.08 2020

Theatre club

CONVERSATION

Dialogue is a special kind of oral communication tool employing distinctive skills to achieve mutual understanding and mutual trust and respect. It allows you to use your creative writing skills by visualizing the scene of incident and accordingly writing the conversation that would possibly take place in that particular situation.

Things to keep in mind while writing conversation

- You could begin with greeting depending on the situation given.
- Filler here and there is welcome.
- Avoid writing longer sentences
- Stick to maximum six exchanges.

1. Read the following conversation between Zahra and Ali

Zahra : Where is my shoe?

Ali : I have lost it

Zahra : Really?

Ali : I kept it in a shop but I could not see there

Zahra : Who took it?

Ali : I did not see any one there.

Zahra : I will tell father

Ali : Please don't tell father, he will beat me

Zahra : I think you are careless. It is your fault.

Ali : You are right. But I did not think I would lose it.

Zahra : How can I go to school?

Ali : Don't worry, I will solve it

Zahra : OK, That is fine.

DIARY WRITING

Diary entry is an informal and personal kind of writing. It is meant to record certain significant events, personal experience, daily happenings and feelings of one's life.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Begin the entry with general sentence describing the day or momentary feelings

In the body, you may discuss an event, your feelings towards it.

Conclude with final remark and future course of action

- You should write as if you have really been a part of the situation.
- It is written in the first person.
- One does not write about things experienced on a daily basis. Only matters
- of some significance are recorded
- It is a secret record of one's life, so one can be very honest about one's feelings and emotions.
- Creativity, imagination and expression in diary writing are tested.
- The description have to be clear but brief
- They have to be expressed in a logical way

FORMAT

- Date/day
- Salutation 'Dear Diary'
- Heading of the entry
- Contents of the diary entry
- Signature

1. Ali felt very sad when he reached home without his sister's shoe. He was sad to see her unhappy face and he could not bear the plight sight of his crying sister. He wrote down his feelings and thoughts in his diary entry

June 1st 2019 Monday

It is an unforgettable day in my life. I am sad and upset. My sister's shoe is missing. I know that is her favorite shoes. I cannot meet her now. I don't want to see her unhappy face. She will get angry with me. I am in a precarious situation. I add misery to my family. I hate and curse myself for my carelessness. She can't go to school without her shoes. How can I tell my father? I am scared of my father. He will beat both of us hard. He can't buy new shoes as he is in deep financial trouble. Oh! My God, please help me.

2. Zahra writes down the diary expressing her feelings and thoughts after losing her shoe.

June 2nd 2020

Wednesday

It is an unpleasant day in my life. I can't remember this day at all. It was my precious shoe. I kept it as a treasure in my life. My hope is grim and severe. Ali lost my shoes in the market. We belong to poverty stricken family. My father is in a precarious condition. He is desperately searching money to conduct surgery

for my mother. I am sure no one will help me to buy a new pair of shoes. Whom can I approach? My father has no money to buy shoes. How can I go to school without my shoes? My friends will make fun of me, when I go to school without my shoes. It is my cruel fate

INFORMAL LETTER

1. Ali was shocked after missing his sister Zahra's shoe. He writes a letter to his friend describing his difficulty.

Main Street

Iran

15th November 2019.

My dear friend,

How are you? Hope you are fine. I am writing this letter seeking your help and guidance I am very sad and confused. My sister's shoe had missed at the vegetable shop. I should have been responsible for this. It was my mistake. I made all the effort to find it. But it was in vain effort to recover the lost shoe. I can't share this one to anyone except you. I am confident that you will support me. We are a very poor family. My father has no money to buy new shoes. I am in deep trouble. Please help me.

Convey my best regards to all at home.

Yours lovingly,

Name

2. Zahra writes a letter to her close friend expressing sad over her missing shoe

Lovely Hills,

Tehran

12th May 2020

Dear Saleena,

How are you? Hope you are fine. I am sad and upset. I lost my sister's shoes. I can't go to school without my shoes. What will I tell her? Will father beat me? He can't buy shoes. Now he is in deep financial trouble. Your guidance and motivation will give peace of mind. I don't find any way to trace the shoe. All my hope has been dashed off. You will find a better solution for this. Please come up with a better way to get away from this grim problem. I am eagerly waiting for your letter.

Convey my love to all at home.

Yours lovingly,

Name

FORMAL LETTER

1. After realizing that the shoes were missing. Suppose Ali goes to police station and files a complaint. Prepare the likely letter

Meena Bazar,

Ikara

12th January 2020

The City Traffic

Ikara

Dear Sir,

I would like to inform you that that my sister shoes has been missing since morning. I had gone to Ali akka's general stores near the corporation building at 10.00 am to buy vegetable. I kept my repaired shoes between the loaded sacks placed in front of the store. After collecting and getting the potatoes, I was shocked to see that my shoes were missing. It is a pair of pink shoes of Adidas. Only the junk collector came there within that time. It seemed that he might have taken the shoes from the garbage.

I kindly request you to trace out my shoes, as we cannot afford to buy new shoes. I shall be highly obliged.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.

Ali

2. Zahra happens to read the educational grants given to single girl child by the Iranian Government. She decided to draft a letter demanding the same .Prepare the likely letter

House No 25

Gazal Street

Tehran

20th Oct.2019

The Manager,

H.R. Department. Tehran

Sub: - Application for educational loan for single girl child.

Dear Sir,

I belong to Okra city and live there with my parents in a rented home. My father is an ordinary labourer and my mother is bed ridden. They are struggling hard to make both ends meet. We are going through the difficult circumstances and bitter realities of life. I am in sheer need of the educational loan privileged for single girl child by the Government. It will help me to continue my studies. It has been due financial constraint. As I am the hope of the family, it will help me to support my family. All the required documents are enclosed here with for your kind consideration and favourable orders.

I earnestly request you to consider my request and provide me at the earliest.

I shall be highly obliged for this.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Sd.

Zahra

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