

Writing Model Informational Paragraph

Prompt: Write an informational paragraph about a topic that interests you.

How much do movies vary in length?

Theatrical releases, meaning movies shown in theaters, are usually somewhere between 1 hour, 30 minutes and 2 hours long. If they run any longer than that, many people won't want to sit through them. If they're any shorter, most people feel as if they're not getting their money's worth. One of the longest movies ever shown in theaters was *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*. Even though it ran 4 hours and 10 minutes, people were more than willing to sit in a theater and watch it. The film went on to make more than \$1 billion worldwide and won Best Picture at the Academy Awards in 2004. Movies like the *Lord of the Rings* films and *Titanic*, which ran 3 hours and 14 minutes, are the exceptions, however. Most filmmakers stick to the average movie length.