**Open your Class with This Tomorrow**

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Tom Vanderbilt explains in *You May Also Like* that we are more likely to enjoy restaurants, movies and events more when we read good reviews. We generally rate those places higher when we initially read positive rather than negative reviews.

**Directions:** Hand each student in class one of the two handouts (it may be easiest to divide the class in half, giving one half of the room the first handout and the other half the second handout). Have everyone read the reviews on their handout and then write a 2-3 sentence description based on their impressions of the restaurant. Handout 1 initially lists the positive reviews and handout 2 lists the same reviews, but the negative reviews come first. Based on the research reported by Tom Vanderbilt in *You May Also Like,* students should have a more positive impression in the first handout than in the second.

**Handout 1**

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Disappointing

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