

Peer Review Evaluation Sheet

Peer doing the evaluation: _____ Essay Assignment _____
 Paper is by: _____ Date of Review _____
 Title of paper (must have one!): _____

Instructions: Read through your partner(s)'s essay twice. The first time familiarize yourself with the subject of the essay, second, read for the qualities of good writing. Mark the essay as you read and add questions or comments on the writing. Then, please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Do not just give the paper the stamp of approval ("yes" or "no")--you will be doing your partner(s) a disservice. When you are done, make a copy to place in your work portfolio; you will be graded on thoroughness of your responses. Then give the original to your partner(s) to use in the revision of his/her paper, and to place in his/her essay portfolio. Your partner(s) should turn in the review sheet with his/her paper.

UNITY/CENTRAL IDEA: Is the thesis statement clearly stated? Is it narrowed and focused? Is there an attitude with reasons given for that stance? Suggestions for improvement?

INTRO/CONCLUSION: Is the introduction effective and interesting? Suggestions for improvement? Does the conclusion add a note of finality?

DEVELOPMENT: Does the body of the paper support the thesis? Is the paper developed enough? Does the author use specific examples, facts, and details to prove his/her point? Suggestions for improvement?

ORGANIZATION/COHERENCE: Does the paper "flow"? Are the ideas stated in logical order? Are the transitions between sentences and ideas effective and clear? Is the paper itself clear and understandable or confusing? Suggestions for improvement?

STYLE: What do you think of the style and tone of the paper? Is the sentence structure too simple or too convoluted? Is it difficult to follow? Is the word choice specific and interesting or dull and general?

Mechanical problems? Grammar, punctuation, spelling?

What is your overall impression of the essay? What did the author do especially well? What do you like about it? Suggestions for improvement?

