

Argumentative Essay Peer Review Worksheet

Writer: _____ Peer Reviewer: _____

Directions: Read through the essay, stopping at the end of each paragraph to consider the following checklist. Please check off and write all of your comments on the writer's draft, whether a paper copy or an online copy (i.e., Google Docs). They will use your comments to help improve their draft.

Introduction

- ☐ Hook: Does the writer engage the reader in the first couple of sentences?
- ☐ Title of the work/author: Has the writer introduced the title and author of the text within the first few lines of the introduction?
- ☐ Does the writer provide relevant background information related to the topic?
- ☐ Thesis statement: Does the thesis start with the counterclaim in a dependent clause that shows contrast using a contrast subordinating conjunction, followed by an independent clause that presents the main argument? If not, how can it be revised to do so?

First Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it clearly state one reason that supports the main argument? If not, how can it be revised to do so?
- ☐ Evidence: Are there at least two pieces of strong, relevant evidence? If not, what specific quotation(s) from the text could strengthen it?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quotation used, is there an analysis that explains why it matters and how it supports the reason? If not, how can it be improved?

Second Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it clearly state a second reason that supports the main argument? If not, how can it be revised to do so?
- ☐ Evidence: Are there at least two pieces of strong, relevant evidence? If not, what specific quotation(s) from the text could strengthen it?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quotation used, is there an analysis that explains why it matters and how it supports the reason? If not, how can it be improved?

Third Body Paragraph

- ☐ Topic Sentence: Does it introduce a counterclaim to the writer's argument? If not, how can it be revised to do so?
- ☐ Evidence: Are there at least two pieces of strong, relevant evidence that fairly support this counterclaim? If not, what could be added?
- ☐ Analysis: For each quotation used, is there an analysis that explains why it matters and how it supports the counterclaim? If not, how can it be improved?
- ☐ Rebuttal: Does the writer respond to the counterclaim and explain why their own argument is still stronger? If not, how can it be improved?

Conclusion

- ☐ Is there a reference back to the thesis statement?
- ☐ Does the writer explain the significance of their thesis statement within the text?
- ☐ Does the writer explain the significance of their thesis statement outside of the text by making it universal?

Organization and Writing Style

- ☐ Logical organization: Are the paragraphs arranged in a logical manner? If you think the paragraphs could/should be arranged in a different order, let the writer know.
- ☐ Are the quotations smoothly embedded using quotation integration?

At the end of the draft:

Identify one strength of this essay.

Identify one area that the writer could improve upon.