

ADVANCED WRITING

Peer Review Workshop: First Essay

Ashline

Name: _____

Reviewer: _____

Instructions: Exchange papers with a partner and carefully read over your partner's paper before slowly and deliberately reading a second time in order to answer the following questions in significant detail.

1. What is the subject of this essay? Is it appropriate as the topic of the assignment?
How much interest does it generate in you, the reader?

2. Does the writer have a clear and apparent thesis that serves to establish a focus for the essay and forecast the subsequent content? How might the thesis be improved?

3. Consider the organization of the essay as a whole. How is this essay organized?
How would you characterize the arrangement of the ideas presented?

4. Are the paragraphs sufficiently developed with reasons, evidence, description, etc. to satisfy you as a reader? How might this essay be improved in development?
Where do the paragraphs seem overly brief and weak in detail?

5. Does the essay have a clear and unified focus or would you characterize it as overly general and superficial, covering too much ground in too limited a space?
How might the essay be focused better?

6. Examine the language and discourse of the essay. Do you find both of these apropos to the audience implicitly chosen by the writer? Does the essay have the requisite level of formality necessary to be successful with the intended audience? Is the language and discourse perhaps overly formal at times, and should the level of formality be decreased?

7. Examine the writer's style and emphasis. How would you characterize the style of the essay? Is there a mix of sentence lengths and patterns? Do you find the sentences overly choppy or perhaps long-winded at times?

8. How well has the writer achieved coherence in the paper through the use of effective and original transitions as well as key repetitions of earlier phrases and passages? Does the writer adequately forecast through the use of topic or point sentences? Where might the writer improve coherence in this essay?

9. Summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the essay below:

Strengths

Weaknesses

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