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Writer's Name _____

Reviewer's Name _____

PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR PERSUASIVE ESSAY

Instructions: Exchange papers with a partner and complete the following list of questions in as much detail as possible on your partner's paper after reviewing the paper. Be as constructively critical as you possibly can so that the writer of the paper has a chance to improve it significantly on revision. You may comment as well on the draft, but do not make any changes for the writer during workshop. Instead, point out areas of strength and weakness that the writer can improve through their own effort.

1. How could the title (assuming there is one) be improved so that it announces the issue, reveals the writer's claim, or otherwise focuses your expectations and piques interest?
2. What strategies does the writer use to introduce the issue, engage your interest, and convince you that the issue is significant and problematic? What would add clarity and appeal?
3. How could the introduction more effectively forecast the argument and present the writer's claim? What would make the statement of the claim more focused, clear, or risky?
4. Consider the overall structure: What strategy does the writer use to make the structure of the paper clear and easy to follow? How could the structure of the argument be improved?
5. Consider the support for the reasons: Where could the writer provide better evidence or support for each line of reasoning? Look for the kinds of evidence for each line of reasoning by noting the writer's use of facts, examples, statistics, testimony, or other evidence. Where could the writer supply more evidence or use existing evidence more effectively?

