

Writer's Name _____

Reviewer's Name _____

SUMMARY PARAGRAPH WORKSHOP

Instructions: Please read your partner's summary paragraph carefully and then answer the following questions in as much detail as possible.

1. Examine the writer's topic sentence and note below how well the writer has addressed the major expectations for this sentence. Has the author's full name and title been noted appropriately? Has the author's thesis been pinpointed and paraphrased accurately? Do you have any objections to this characterization of the author's main point?
2. How well has the writer covered the author's main ideas? Do you find any significant ones missing here? Do you think some unnecessary details have been included? Are the main ideas covered in sequence from the text?
3. Consider the writer's paraphrases and summaries of text material. How accurate do you find these? Do you see any instances of plagiarism?

4. Has the writer employed frequent use of a variety of signal phrases? Are there any particular locations where more signal phrases would be appropriate? Are any of the signal phrases bland and uninteresting?

5. Consider the writer's efforts to create coherence between sentences. How effective are the writer's use of transitions? Are the transitions novel or pedestrian? Where do you consider more transitions necessary?

6. Consider the writer's use of quotations. Has the writer chosen one or two interesting items to quote? Have these been appropriately introduced and glossed?

7. Consider the writer's concluding sentence. Does it summarize the content of the summary and provide an appropriate degree of closure?

8. Consider the writer's use of diction. Do you find the word choices to be interesting or pedestrian? How could the diction be improved in your estimation?