Film Analysis Essay Essay Author’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP FOR FILM ANALYSIS ESSAY

Please exchange papers with a partner and read his or her paper carefully. Underline the

thesis and topic sentences. Honestly answer the following questions as carefully as you

can and do so holistically rather than individually.

1. Does the title arouse interest and forecast the problem to be addressed? Is it brief,

clever, and relevant or long, wordy, and vague? How might the author improve

the title?

2. How does the introduction capture your interest, explain the film to be addressed and suggest why the film is significant for analysis but without praising it? Does the writer pose a significant question to be answered in the thesis?

3. Does the introduction conclude with the writer’s thesis? Is the thesis surprising?

Does the thesis cover what the writer takes to be the theme of the film? Do you

consider the thesis to be contestable, i.e. worthy of defending in an essay? How

might the author improve the thesis?

4. Look at the writer’s plot analysis. Are all the terms of plot applied to the analysis

or just a few? Does it lead with an appropriate topic sentence? Comment in detail

on the plot below.

5. How is the essay organized? Does the writer helpfully forecast the whole, place

topic sentences before particulars, use transitions, and follow the old/new

contract? How might the author improve or clarify the organization and

coherence of the essay?

6. What narrative/literary terms of interpretation does the writer employ in the

essay? Is the application of symbol, irony, style, theme, and tone appropriate and

compelling? How so?

7. Is the author of the essay consistently being analytical, or is the author lapsing into evaluation at times? Point out any areas that might be problematic in that regard.

8. Where do you find the analysis and interpretation unconvincing or superficial?

9. Summarize the essay strengths and weaknesses.

Essay Strengths Essay Weaknesses

10. General suggestions for revision.