

WRITING II
Ashline

Essay Author's Name _____

Your Name _____

PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP ON ANALYTICAL RESEARCH ESSAY ON FILM

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. Is the title brief, clever, and intriguing? How might it be improved?
2. What is the organization of the introduction? What elements are included, and what else should be, assuming something is omitted? How effective is the introduction at introducing the thesis of the essay?
3. Discuss the thesis. Is it contestable? Does it develop an interpretive position regarding the film? Does it cover the film's implicit meaning or do you find it dealing more with the explicit meaning of the film?
4. Consider the overall organization of the essay. How is it structured? How might this structure be improved? Consider the location and appropriateness of topic sentences. How might these be improved? How well are the paragraphs developed?
5. Consider the writer's attempt at semiotic reading or application of semiotic vocabulary to the film. Which terms are applied, and how successful is the interpretation in your view?

Documentation

1. Examine the Works Cited page. Look at the sources being used and make a list of the types of sources being and used (for example, book, anthology, article, internet newspaper, etc.). Write the type and quantity of each source being used below.
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