

Peer Editing Feedback Form

Directions: First, read the essay and underline or circle any spelling errors, grammar mistakes or problems with sentence structure. Feel free to use the following abbreviations:

Colloq. = colloquial (too informal)
Awk. = awkward

VT = verb tense is incorrect
WC = incorrect word choice

Once you have read and marked up the paper, please do the following:

1. **Double underline** the thesis.
2. **Underline** each of the topic sentences in the body paragraphs.
3. **Use arrows** in the margins to point to the quotes that s/he used to support the topic sentences.
4. **Put a box** around the citations after each quote.
5. **Circle** the explanations of what each quote is saying.
6. **Put stars** next to the explanations which tied the issues explored in the quotes to the essay's thesis.

Please complete the following by circling "yes" or "no":

Note: If certain areas of the paper meet the requirement but others don't, please mark which areas need work so that the author can refer back to them later when he/she is revising their drafts. (Provide the paragraph number if applicable.) The more constructive feedback that you provide, the better.

Introductory Paragraph:

Does the introduction set the stage for the topic?	Yes	No
Is the thesis clearly stated?	Yes	No
Is the thesis statement located in the last sentence of the first paragraph?	Yes	No

Topic:

Is the point that each paragraph is making clear?	Yes	No
Is there only one topic per paragraph?	Yes	No

Content:

Does the paper use examples and specific details to support the thesis?	Yes	No
Does each paragraph <i>and</i> the paper as a whole support the initial thesis?	Yes	No
Did the assertions this person made in his/her essay seem to make sense, based on what you understand of what we've been studying?	Yes	No

Are both the information and conclusions accurate, as far as you know?	Yes	No
Are the thesis and argument well-developed?	Yes	No

Supporting Evidence:

Does it exist?	Yes	No
Does each paragraph contain a quote, statistic, or other piece of factual evidence?	Yes	No
Do the quotes/statistics used fit with and support the topic sentence?	Yes	No
Was each quote that was used also explained? (Introduced before & explained after?)	Yes	No
Do all of the facts and analyses that need citations have them?	Yes	No

Explanations:

Is the supporting evidence explained, reiterated, and/or tied back to the topic for clarity?	Yes	No
Does each paragraph close with a summation that links it back to the larger issues being discussed in the paper?	Yes	No

Concluding Paragraph:

Does it sum up the paper in a concise manner?	Yes	No
Does it include a good assessment of the “so what?” question?	Yes	No
Does it provide a sense of how the topic suggests the future (i.e. significance) without trying to “save the world”?	Yes	No

Finally... What are the strengths of the paper? What is your favorite part of the paper?

What’s next? Don’t be offended if your paper has been completely marked up. The goal here is to make you a better writer and to provide you with a fresh set of eyes for your paper. It is often difficult to edit your own paper as you are usually too close to it to objectively edit. You *do not* have to make all of the changes suggested by your partner. Take into consideration all of their comments, and then decide which one you agree with. Fix all of the grammatical and structural mistakes right away, and then tackle the larger conceptual problems.