

Peer Review

Reviewer's name:

Essay being reviewed was written by:

1. What is the writer's main point (thesis)? Phrase it briefly in your own words.
2. Is the main point an arguable assertion? Could someone argue an opposing or contrasting point of view? What would that contrasting point be?
3. Does the introduction lead up to the thesis in a smooth, informative way with a solid hook and some background information that orients the reader to the topic. If not, what do you suggest the writer do?
4. Is the thesis placed in a clear manner near the end of the introduction?
5. Are the body paragraphs proportionately balanced? Are there any really short paragraphs that could be developed more? Long paragraphs that could be broken in two or shortened?
6. Does the writer offer textual evidence for the points he or she makes in each paragraph? If so, is the evidence convincing? Are quotations integrated smoothly? Do they flow with the grammar of the sentence? Are page numbers put in parentheses after the quotations?
7. Does the conclusion briefly summarize in a fresh way the writer's main argument and then end on a memorable note (such as a quotation, thought, image, or call to action)? What is that memorable impression that the conclusion leaves?
8. Is the essay itself formatted correctly (one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman text, double-spacing, correct MLA format on first page with correct name and page number at the top. Are all lines of the essay double-spaced with no extra space between any elements?
9. What is the title? Is it a creative title that describes the purpose/point of the paper in a catchy, clear way?
10. Are there any grammar or spelling errors in the essay? If you find any, highlight them, so the writer can make changes.
11. The essay should not contain any of the following. Highlight in the essay any occurrences of the following, so the writer can make changes:
 - any "I" messages: I believe, I think, I feel, I know...
 - simple language such as a lot, good, thing...
 - direct address to the reader by using the word "you"
 - ANY contractions