

Peer Review Exercise for Thesis-Centered Writing Assignments

This exercise should take approximately 20-30 minutes to perform and give you constructive feedback on your writing before your instructor sees it. The quality of the feedback you provide to your fellow student will likely help you to see errors in your own writing -be thoughtful, constructive and kind in your comments!

Part 1: Thesis Development & Clarity of Idea Development

1. What is the author's **thesis**? (Rephrase in a few short statements, don't duplicate exactly from the text)

2. Does the author provide you with a **relevant introduction** to the main ideas/concepts that relate to the central thesis statement? **List 3 or more points** in the introduction that help to develop the background info of the thesis statement.

3. Jot down in the margins the **main point of each paragraph**. Try to get in the writer's shoes and give a short phrase that illustrates what the single most important concept is in each paragraph.

Part 2: Grammar, Punctuation and Sentence Structure

Skim through only the first three paragraphs of the paper and line edit them. This means circling misspelled words, grammatical mistakes, incomplete sentences, subject-verb disagreement, or other grammatical problems.

Part 3: Advice??

1. List two things the author does well:

2. List two things that the author needs to improve: