# Essay 1 Peer Review

**English 101**

## Due Date: October 19th by midnight

## Purpose

Peer review is one of the most important learning activities in English 101.

* + **Skills**

You will learn to identify how an essay succeeds or struggles to accomplish an argument when you carefully analyze your peers' writing.

* + Knowledge

You will start to notice patterns of strengths and challenges in your own writing, helping you to gain greater self-awareness as you revise.

## Tasks

1. Read and annotate the writer’s essay, going over it**2-3 times**. Use the kind of feedback that they prefer. Focus on their argument and their main goals during your first time through, making at least 3 marginal comments on their paper. Then look for details your second time through.
2. Once you’ve read their essay, copy and paste ordownload the checklist below and attach it to their comments as a .docx file. There should be recommendations for improvement in every category, especially if there are any aspects of the requirement that you think they might not meet.
3. Answer the following questions then post answers in their comments.

i. What are the strengths of the essay?

ii. What can the writer do to improve their essay?

iii. What questions or doubts to you have about the essay, its organization, its evidence, or its analysis?

## Criteria for Success

You'll be graded on how well you identified important elements in your peers’ essays, whether you include thorough end comments, marginal comments, and the checklist.

# Peer Review Checklist

**Thesis, Focus, and Purpose**

□ Does the writer include a thesis statement as a single sentence at the end of the introduction?

□ Does it have a focus appropriate to the essay and maintain focus throughout?

□ Does it respond to the assigned topic and purpose for the essay?

Recommendations for revision:

**Reasoning and Support**

□ Does the essay support its claims through logical connections?

□ Does the essay have adequate evidence, using only credible sources? (make sure to read the works cited page!!)

□ Does each paragraph include at least 3 sentences of analysis after the evidence?

Recommendations for revision:

**Organization**

□ Do the paragraphs have an easy-to-follow, logical progression of ideas and information?

□ Does each paragraph begin with a topic sentence that encompasses the whole paragraph’s claim?

□ Does each paragraph end with a meaningful transition?

Recommendations for revision:

**MLA Citation**

□ Does the writer introduce each quote with a signal phrase?

□ Does the writer accurately use MLA citation methods?

Recommendations for revision:

**Voice and Style**

□ Do the vocabulary and sentence structure express ideas clearly and intelligently?

Recommendations for revision:

**Writing Conventions and MLA Page Payout**

□ Do the grammar, spelling, and syntax MLA all follow standard English conventions? Is the essay formatted according to MLA guidelines?

Recommendations for revision: