

Peer Review Sheet

Writer:

Reviewer:

Date:

1. Does the introduction capture your attention? YES NO
2. What technique does the writer use to effectively draw in the reader, introduce the topic and set up the thesis of the essay? *CIRCLE ONE*: personal anecdote, example-real or hypothetical, question, quotation, shocking statistic, striking image, descriptive narrative, other _____
3. Does the introduction make you want to read more of the essay? YES NO
4. Underline or highlight the thesis statement of the essay. If you can't identify the thesis statement or the thesis statement rambles or does not make sense, make a note of that in the margin.
5. Underline the topic sentence of each paragraph. If you can't identify a topic sentence in each paragraph, make a note in the margin that there is no apparent topic sentence in the paragraph.
6. Are all of the sentences in a single paragraph related to a single idea? YES NO
7. Circle the paragraph(s) that contain more than one idea.
8. How are body paragraphs ordered? *CIRCLE ONE*: general to specific information, most important point to least important point, weakest to strongest, alphabetically, numerically, spatially, chronologically.
9. Are transition words or phrases present to guide the reader from one idea to the next? YES NO
10. What types of researched materials or sources are mentioned in the body paragraphs? *CIRCLE ALL THAT PERTAIN*: print sources, web/online sources, interview, observation/experience
11. Is there evidence of attribution for the researched material? YES NO
12. Is quoted material in quotation marks? YES NO
13. Are in-text citations provided? YES NO
14. Are they presented correctly in MLA or APA style? (Check your style guide) YES NO
15. Is there a Works Cited (MLA) or Reference (APA) page? YES NO
16. Are the bibliographic citations correctly written and formatted? YES NO Mark the citations that are not written correctly.
17. Does the body of the essay contain background information (author's first and last name, title of each researched essay, title of source where essay can be found) about the researched materials? YES NO
18. Does the essay have a conclusion? YES NO How does the conclusion relate to the introduction/thesis and the overall content? _____
19. What kind of an essay is this? _____ How have you determined the essay type? _____
20. Are the tone and language appropriate for an academic essay? YES NO
21. Does the writer prove what s/he sets out to accomplish in the thesis? YES NO
22. Does the thesis statement need to be revised? YES NO How? _____
23. Does the content need to be changed? YES NO How? _____
24. What is the most common type of mechanical error in the essay? _____ Circle or highlight the grammar, punctuation and spelling errors in the essay.
25. What suggestions can you make to the writer that will improve the paper?