**Peer Review Checklist for the Project Paper**

**Writing Workshop #1**

**Name of writer:**

**Comments by:**

**Attention!** Writing Workshop #1 focuses on the big picture of the essay. In other words, we pay attention to large-scale issues, such as tightening up or shifting focus, clarifying purpose, reorganizing paragraphs, etc. (Grammar, word choices, sentences are for later revision because it is a waste of time to polish a sentence that you later decide you don’t need.)

Carefully read your group member’s draft essay. Based on your reading, address the following questions through constructive comments and suggestions. When you comment, keep in mind what the author did well, as well as provide constructive comments on possible improvements. Your comments are as specific as possible.

Consider the following questions:

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| 1. **Overall structure** | **Comments / Suggestions** |
| Looking at the essay as whole, do you think the author express an insightful perspective towards the topic? |  |
| Does the essay display a logical progression of ideas, with a clear structure that enhances the thesis? |  |
| 1. **Thesis statement** | |
| What’s the thesis (main point)? Please underline the thesis on your partner’s draft and copy to here. If the main idea is implied only, jot down what you perceive to be the thesis here. |  |
| Does the essay have a debatable and focused thesis? |  |
| Are key supporting points provided in the thesis statement? |  |
| 1. **Body** | |
| How does each paragraph relate to the essay’s main idea or the previous paragraph? |  |
| Does the author consider and critically evaluate alternative/opposing points of view?  *\*Specify the paragraph(s) where this strategy is used.* |  |
| Is there any unnecessary information throughout the body of the paper, such as excessive quotations or unsupported claims? |  |
| 1. **Overall evaluation** | |
| How can the essay be further improved? Provide at least TWO constructive suggestions. |  |
| End on a positive note! Here, write one thing (at least!) that the author has done well. Be kind and encouraging! |  |

Please add any other suggestions or comments that you feel would be useful for the author: