

Getting It Right

The process of providing feedback on the essays written by my peers did not seem difficult or time-consuming. However, after reviewing all my comments and suggestions, I have two observations. First, it seems easier to see a particular problem with another writer's work than with my own. Second, some of my comments were probably not that helpful. In the future, I can spend more time to improve the quantity and quality of the feedback I give.

I organized the selected peer reviews into the following categories: Punctuation and Verb Tense, Suggested Rewording, General Comments, and Other. Each example includes the name of the writer, date of my feedback, and an observation about my peer review experience. For each peer review selection, **yellow** highlighting indicates a specific suggestion. **Green** highlighting indicates a general comment.

Punctuation and Verb Tense

Observation: Giving this feedback was fairly straightforward.

Review for Truxton Sprott, 03/11/18

Part of what makes *Loose Change 9/11* so easy to swallow is how it play ¹ plays to people's emotions. w ² **W**ith the use of riveting footage of horrible events and eerie music, Loose Change draws its audience to the edge of their seats. The film's references to the **B**urning of the Reichstag in Germany, a pivotal event in Germany that helped Hitler ~~consolidated~~ ³ consolidate power a ⁴ to crush his opposition.

Review for Christiana Phan, 03/11/18

According to evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, the "spark of life" found in the heart of living things is ¹ are information, words, and instructions.

Review for Max Pollack, 02/02/18

Throughout the last few summers before he died he takes a large amount of video of himself, where he will talk about the thoughts in his head and also describe the beauty of the Alaskan wilderness and why it, and the animals that a part of it need to be saved. ¹ The tense in this sentence doesn't flow very well. I think you should change it to past tense.

Suggested Re-wording

Observation: This feedback was probably my most helpful input, especially if it gave the writer a different perspective on how to express their thoughts.

Review for Dagney Crowley, 03/11/18

In addition to his interviews regarding his faith, Cruise provides additional free advertisement ¹ advertising for the Church of Scientology through snapshot in the tabloids of through tabloid photos. Such photos include Cruise speaking out against psychiatry and events such as his forty-second birthday party which was held on a yacht owned by the Church of Scientology (*Going Clear*).

Review for Christiana Phan, 03/11/18

Through awareness, inherent harm, and eventual spread, memes can have negative affects-effects on the people they come into contact with, even if they are meant as just jokes. A negative idea may be present in a subtle, unintentional way, able to be spread easily ² The wording is strange and I don't think I quite understand what you are trying to say and affect the minds of a whole society of people because "It's just a meme."

Review for Max Pollack, 02/02/18

In *Grizzly Man* Timothy Treadwell is clearly a character, whether or not that character is a foil to who Timothy Treadwell was in real life is impossible to know ² "actually a reflection of Treadwell or just an act is impossible to know" I don't understand your use of foil, so here's an example of how I'd write it,

but what can be seen is that Treadwell and Herzog had conflicting ideas for who the character of Timothy Treadwell is.

General Comments

Observation: Of all my general comments, the review for Jon Swan includes the most helpful ones. My comments for Nicole Banos and Thomas Hamill, on the other hand, are contradictory and not that useful. Surely, I need to understand a writer's sentences to determine the quality of their thesis or essay. The review for Max Pollack was probably too general to have been much help to him.

Review for Jon Swan, 02/02/18

Most people understand the boundaries between humans and wild animals. Timothy Treadwell, unlike others, **You already mention 'most people', so you don't need to include this.** did not seem to understand this boundary. Since the beginning of time, there has been a constant battle between man and nature. The struggle between these two forces can be dated back to biblical times and even before that through cave art. With no doubt, the battle between man and beast has been the most prolonged and maybe most deadly fight of all time. **I think the intro is a little short. You could give more information to build up to your thesis.**

Timothy Treadwell had an unfortunate misconception that he could be friends with vicious grizzly bears. Treadwell lived in Alaska for 13 summers as the bears "protector." Although he called himself the protector, throughout the documentary "Grizzly Man," it is apparent that he is not helping as much as he thought he was. The film mainly shows Treadwell commenting on what the bears are doing from a distance with little interaction with the bears. The last five summers Treadwell was there, he made some incredible videos of these bears he was so called protecting. Treadwell uses videos and photographs to teach others about his beloved bears. He often could be found in schools teaching

young kids important things and stories about bears. ¹ It seems to jump from being against Treadwell to being pro Treadwell. You could write more about the good that he did and compare to the good he thought he was doing.

Review for Nicole Banos, 02/22/18

As perceived in Thomas Balmes's film, *Happiness*, technology ² is a drives the modern era. ¹ I don't understand what your thesis is. Overall the paper is good but you need to spellcheck. Many of your sentences don't make sense.

Review for Thomas Hamill, 02/20/18

Lacking knowledge and experience with this technology can alter the Bhutan society and cause misunderstanding in their day to day lives. ¹ This is a good thesis but the wording doesn't make sense.

Review for Max Pollack, 02/02/18

Treadwell wanted to be taken seriously and his video tapes showed that this is the case. Herzog, on the other hand creates the character of Timothy Treadwell with the goal of selling a movie and makes the character odd and foolish. ² There's more you can write about on the differences between the way Treadwell wanted to be seen and the way Herzog portrayed him.

Other

Observation: These examples show me that it was easier to see these issues in other essays than in my own.

Review for Truxton Sprott, 03/11/18

James Gleick (a famous American historian) remarked that, "Truth may be a helpful quality for a meme, but it is only one among many." ¹ You need to cite this quote.

Review for Christiana Phan, 03/11/18

You need to format the sources correctly.

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Review for Nicole Banos, 02/22/18

The coverage of the new concept of electricity, specifically television, in this small pastoral town is just the beginning of how life changes with the addition of technology. Life ~~known~~ in Bhutan without electricity has ceased to exist. **The conclusion is very short. You need to add more.**

Review for Jon Swan, 02/02/18

Treadwell defied the odds of man vs. nature for a while living with bears, but nature took its course, and he paid the price for his life and the life of another human being. Death is the usual outcome when people do not understand the boundaries of nature. With the use of common sense, tragedies like these can be avoided.

The essay has to be around 1000 words so you should add more to the last two paragraphs.