

Peer Response

Reader:

Author:

Please take a few minutes to read and comment on the first draft of your classmate's essay. Below are some questions to help guide your reading. Please be considerate and thorough in your comments, but do not labor over each question—you will not have much time. When you finish, return both the first draft and this peer response to the author.

1. Identify the intended **thesis** by underlining it. Is the thesis clearly stated? Yes No
If yes, write the thesis below. If no, what makes it unclear?

2. Identify the **topic sentence** by labeling "TS" in the margin on the paper you are reading **for each body paragraph**. Write the topic sentences for each of the body paragraphs.

BODY Paragraph 1:

BODY Paragraph 2:

3. Does each **topic sentence** relate to the **thesis**?
If no, which topic sentences are unrelated? Why?

BODY Paragraph 1:

Yes No

BODY Paragraph 2:

Yes No

4. Identify the **three chunks (CD, CM, CM)** in each paragraph using [brackets]. Does each chunk support the thesis?

BODY Paragraph 1:

Chunk 1: Yes No

Chunk 2: Yes No

Chunk 3: Yes No

BODY Paragraph 2:

Chunk 1: Yes No

Chunk 2: Yes No

Chunk 3: Yes No

5. Did the author **prove the thesis**?

Are the **CDs the best possible CDs** to prove the thesis?
Why or why not?

Are the **CMs as thoughtful as they can be** to prove the thesis?
Why or why not?

6. Check off what essay parts remains unclear or unexplained?

____ Introduction	BODY Paragraph 1:	BODY Paragraph 2:	____ Conclusion
	_____ Chunk 1	_____ Chunk 1	
	_____ Chunk 2	_____ Chunk 2	
	_____ Chunk 3	_____ Chunk 3	

7. What question(s) do you leave the essay asking?

8. State any other comments or questions that might help the author.