Reviewer’s name:

Author’s name:

Date:

Rhetorical Analysis Peer Review

**1. Introduction:** Underline the thesis in the introduction. Is it arguable and worth arguing about? Does it answer the two guiding questions?

* What strategies does the text use to persuade its audience?
* Why does author use these strategies, and to what end?

2. **Read the essay:**

a. For each paragraph, underline where the author states their main point. Also mark any spots where you think the argument is *especially clear* or *confusing.*

b. Write a brief outline of the essay that shows the order of topics and subtopics. This should include an introduction, history of the controversy, several claims, and a conclusion.

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3. Name **the greatest strength** of the essay, and one or two areas that **needs the most improvement**. For each area of improvement, write a recommendation: how would you resolve this problem?

Consider the following aspects of the writing:

**Content**: Does the piece adequately describe the controversy?

**Introduction**: Does the introduction clearly state the controversy and provide an outline of the essay?

**Structure**: Is the overall structure clear, logical, and easy to follow?

**Mechanics**: Are the paragraphs and sentences clear and grammatically correct?