**Instructions:**

Peer Review Worksheet for ENG 150

1. Please answer the questions below and, where possible, copy and paste examples from your classmate’s essay so that they can see exactly what is working well and what could be improved.
2. Please be sure to use a professional tone. Sarcastic, rude, or condescending comments are not appropriate (and also not Christlike). Try to “peer review unto others as you would have them peer review unto you”—be clear, specific, and sincere!

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| **Peer Review Questions** | **Peer Review Response** |
| Introduction and conclusion | ***Highlight one:*** *excellent, good, fair, needs work* |
| Is the opening of the paper intriguing? If so, what makes you want to keep reading?  If not, what is making it confusing, vague, or hard to connect with? | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  I really like the opening the descriptions make me able to picture what is going on.  “Our new home felt like its own personal island since we were separated by millions of miles from family and old friends forced to try to find our way in this new land of different seasons, creatures, and cultures.” I really like this line put in. |
| Does the end of the essay give closure by connecting back to the beginning of the essay? Does it offer a last image or insight?  If so, copy and paste the sentences where you see this connection and insight.  If not, suggest ways they could make a clearer connection back to the beginning and tie the essay to a larger theme. | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  The end connects back to the beginning. The beginning talked about a numbness and a storm and ends with, “and if I was lucky a way to help someone else through a endless winter storm.” |
| Setting & Details | ***Highlight one:*** *excellent, good, fair, needs work* |
| If this is a Personal Essay, do the setting and details contribute to the overall story and its significance? If so, give at least one example of how the details help you feel immersed in the essay.  If not suggest a place where more detail is needed.  If this is a Profile Essay, is the setting (if needed) and description of the person introduced effectively? If so, give at least one example of how the details help you feel connected to the character.  If not suggest a place where more detail is needed. | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  The story puts us at the computer and how she is barely able to move, but as the teacher walked in she opened up. |
| Paragraphing | ***Highlight one:*** *excellent, good, fair, needs work* |
| Where does the writer use clear, direct topic sentences?  If you’re having trouble finding clear topic sentences, identify where you see problems. Are there any paragraphs that seem to have more than a single focus? Are there paragraphs where the topic is totally unclear? | “I sat in front of my screen, my fingers just barely hovering over the keys” I like this first sentence it doesn’t just tell us what the feeling is it shows. |
| MLA Formatting & Research | ***Highlight one:*** *excellent, good, fair, needs work* |
| Is the overall formatting correct (heading, page numbers, spacing, etc.)? If not, what is missing? | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  Just needs page numbers |
| **For the Profile Essay only:**  Do the sources seem valid and appropriate for this essay? If so, give an example.  If not, give an example of a source that seems like it may not be credible.  Did the writer include a works cited page? Is it formatted correctly (MLA style)? Give at least one example of what they did well or what they need to improve. | *Comments/examples from the essay*: |
| Grammar, punctuation, formatting | ***Highlight one:*** *excellent, good, fair, needs work* |
| Identify any MAJOR issues with grammar, punctuation, and MLA formatting. You don’t need to list every error, but if you see something that’s very confusing or a mistake that’s repeated several times in the essay, please point it out here. | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  I don’t see anything asides not having the page number |
| Encouragement & Advice | |
| What are your partner’s overall strengths? What about this essay makes you want to learn more about their topic?  Do you know of any resources that might help your classmate as they continue to write? | *Comments/examples from the essay*:  My partner does a very good job of focusing on the one event and being very specific. The details tell me what is going through her head and what is happening. |