**Peer review guide – paper #2**

**TUT 100-17 Exploring the Magical World of calvin and hobbes**

**Overall framing:** Aim for suggestions that clarify and strengthen the argument - as opposed to focusing on line editing feedback (ie. “put a comma here”).

**Take it all in**

* Read through the paper once without writing any notes on it. As you go pay attention to what you like about the paper. What is something you like about the paper?

**Focus on argument**

* What logical organization of the body paragraphs do you see? Write out a brief outline of the argument for yourself. What is the structure of the argument? Can you suggest any re-organization (switch paragraphs around, or maybe move things around within a paragraph) that would make the argument stronger?
* Answer some or all of the following questions: What aspect(s) of the argument is(are) particularly compelling? What aspect(s) could be stronger? Are there “holes” (unexplained leaps) in the reasoning?

**Introduction/Thesis**

* Does the introductory paragraph provide adequate context for understanding the main point/thesis? A reader should have some sense of important/relevant ideas before the thesis or main point is stated.
* How could the thesis be stated more clearly? Consider how the thesis could be more clear and/or specific.

**Body**

* Consider each body paragraph one at a time.
  + Pay attention to and comment on how you see each paragraph connecting to the thesis.
  + Identify passages (phrases, sentences, or paragraphs) that appear to you to be redundant or do not seem to contribute to the argument.
  + Are sources (either strips or secondary courses) used well? Is their purpose clear? Do they connect to and further the argument?

**What are two or three suggestions you have for the author?**