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Peer Review Worksheet

Please type your answers and submit one copy each to the author and to me.

Peer letters are always due at our next class meeting after exchanging papers.

1. What is the paper's thesis (main claim)? Please highlight it in the paper manuscript and include it here.
2. Is it easily recognizable? Does it fit the essay topic?
3. Are the author's sub-claims outlined in the introduction? Do they form topic sentences of subsequent body paragraphs?
4. Please list here the author's sub-claims and highlight them in the paper manuscript.
5. Do you find that the paper contains enough support for the claims it makes (i.e. textual evidence, examples, statistics)? What kinds of evidence does the writer use?
6. Please underline the evidence the author uses with your highlighter.
7. Is the writer documenting her/his secondary sources correctly (according to MLA style)? If not, what should s/he do to fix this?
8. Does the writer *consistently* make errors in grammar and punctuation which make it difficult to understand his or her essay? If so, cite these examples and provide a suggestion for how to avoid these errors.
9. On a scale of 1-10, how smooth are the transitions between paragraphs? Cite one not-so-smooth transition from one paragraph to another.
10. Does the paper's argument proceed logically from point to point? How could the writer improve upon the current paragraph order? How would you suggest s/he rearrange the paper's argument? Please label each paragraph in the margin (A, B, C, D, . . .) and suggest a different order if applicable (i.e. B, A, C, D.)
11. On a scale of 1-10, how smooth are the transitions between sentences? Cite one not-so-smooth transition from one sentence to another.
12. What do you like about this paper? What does the writer do well? Why?
13. What is a general area for improvement on which the writer might want to focus (both in this paper and in future papers)?