

Writer _____

Argument Peer Response

Reviewer _____

Provide thorough and thoughtful responses to the following questions. **Yes and No answers are insufficient**, so comment, explain, or offer suggestions for all responses. You may also write on the draft and mark grammar and punctuation mistakes.

1. Does the title grab your interest? Does it suggest the essay's content?
2. After reading the first paragraph, give a brief overview of the issue. Who is the intended audience? How is the issue defined? How could the definition be improved to fit the audience?
3. Underline the thesis. Does the thesis sufficiently narrow the subject? Does it clearly indicate the writer's position?
4. Does the introduction give appropriate and sufficient background information on the issue?
5. What reasons does the writer provide to support the thesis? Do all of the reasons effectively support the thesis? Do the reasons seem appropriate for the intended audience?
6. How well is each reason supported? Is the evidence sufficient? Is it appropriate? Where does the argument need more support?
7. List the main points of the argument and evaluate the organizational strategy. How can it be improved?

8. What assumptions or opposing arguments does the writer fail to take into consideration? How does this omission affect the persuasiveness of the argument?

9. If opposing arguments are discussed, how well does the writer refute them?

10. Do all quotations have appropriate lead-ins, quotation marks, and parentheticals? Are they smoothly incorporated into the text? Is there variety in lead-ins?

11. Are paraphrases and summaries appropriately changed to avoid plagiarism? Are they properly documented within the text?

12. Does the essay have a complete and relevant conclusion? Is the thesis restated in different words? Has the idea of the thesis been expanded in light of evidence presented in the body paragraphs?

13. Are the sources properly documented on the Works Cited page? Do the sources seem credible?

14. Does the writer have appropriate transitional words, phrases, and sentences? Mark all transitions on the draft. Note any place that needs a transition or has an inappropriate or ineffective one.

15. Does the writer follow MLA format? Consider margins, spacing, headers, and font size.
16. Discuss the strongest and weakest aspects of this essay with the writer.