

Author's Name _____

Peer Editor's Name _____

Peer-editing Revision Checklist

Answer each of the following questions for the essay you are reading. If you cannot find the answer, then you need to write a sentence that tells the author that this item needs to be revised.

1. What is the thesis statement?

2. Is the thesis statement contained in the introduction? _____

3. Does the first sentence of the introduction capture your attention? _____ If the answer is no, please explain what can be changed to make the introduction more interesting.

4. Is there a clear purpose for the essay? What is intended to do or to accomplish?

5. Does the essay progress in an organized, logical way? _____ If the answer is no, what changed can be made to make the essay more organized?

6. Does each paragraph have a main idea? Write down the main idea of each paragraph, including the conclusion. Once you have written down the main idea of each paragraph, on the essay you are reading, highlight the following: the hook, the thesis statement, the topic sentence in each body paragraph, and a closing sentence (in the conclusion).

Paragraph 2:

Paragraph 3:

Paragraph 4:

Paragraph 5:

7. Are there places where more details, examples, or explanation is needed? Which paragraphs? Give examples of what needs to be fixed.

8. Is the essay interesting? _____ Why?

9. How many linking verbs are used in this essay? Highlight and suggest ways to change linking verbs (passive voice) to action verbs (active voice).

10. Are there sentences that begin with "there are" or "there is"? (Suggest these sentences be rewritten to avoid)

11. Is every sentence an actual sentence? _____ (make sure there are no fragments or run-on's).

12. What transition words are used? (To the author, consult your transition words and make sure that you have used them to make your writing flow more smoothly?)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____

13. Write one positive comment about this essay that focuses on the content.

14. Where does the author of this author need to add more detail and/or examples to fully explain his/her ideas? _____

What are some ideas that you can give to help him/her? Be specific.

15. Does the author use first person "I"? If so, rewrite a sentence below that is a suggestion for how they could rewrite this sentence in the third person.
