

Essay 1
Peer Response

Your Name _____
Your Partner's Name _____

Answer the following questions about your partner's paper. Quality and quantity counts – the more you write to your partner, the more you will help your partner revise, and the higher your grade will be. Answer on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Read your partner's introductory paragraph and stop.
 - a. Underline twice what you think is the main idea or thesis. If you don't see one, don't underline anything in this paragraph.
 - b. Does your partner state the essay topic? yes/no
 - c. Does your partner give a brief description of the topic big idea? yes/no
 - d. What questions do you have about anything in this paragraph?
2. Now read the whole paper through once. Describe the part(s) you especially liked.
3. Look again at the body paragraph(s). Answer these questions:
 - a. Underline the concrete details in the body. Remember that a concrete detail is something a character did or said from the book, or is a fact without an opinion.
 - b. Is there a balance of one CD to two Cs? yes/no
 - c. Do the body paragraphs fully answer the assigned essay prompt?
 - d. What questions do you have about anything in the body? (The more thought-provoking questions you include, the higher your grade will be.)
4. Look again at the concluding paragraph.
 - a. Does the conclusion give a finished feeling to the essay? yes/no
 - b. Is the conclusion not repetitive of the points brought up in the introduction or the body? yes/no
 - c. What question do you have about anything in this paragraph?
 - d. What could your partner do to make the conclusion more interesting?
5. Go back one more time to the beginning of the essay.
 - a. Circle all the good vocabulary and put a star in the margin next to each one.
 - b. Circle and correct any spelling, grammatical, punctuation, or typographical errors.
 - c. Circle or highlight any commentary that is especially good. Write "C" in the margin next to it. This may be complete sentences or parts of sentences.
 - d. Circle any words or phrases that are repeated and write "R" in the margin next to them.
6. Does the essay have an appropriate title which sums up the essay's main point? yes/no (This question is for later when the draft is typed, but if the writer came up with a title sooner – great!)
7. Is the essay double spaced with 1" margins all the way around? (This question is for later once the draft is typed)

Now that you have finished your peer response, re-exchange papers and comments with your partner. Revise your essay after considering your partner's comments.

Final Writing Portfolio Process Work due _____