

Peer Review Worksheet

Conceptual Approach and Thesis

Describe your initial reaction to the essay. Does it fulfill the requirements of the assignment by presenting a clear, convincing, and conceptually insightful argument based on a close reading of the text?

Is the thesis clearly defined? If not, what could the author do to more clearly define his/her thesis for the final draft?

Evidence/Support

Is clear, vivid, and concrete textual evidence used to support the claims being made?

Do you see any places in the essay where the evidence (or its relevance) is not fully explained? Tell the writer where those places are (what page and paragraph).

Organization

Are ideas and details arranged in the best possible order? Make sure the connections between ideas and sentences are clear.

Are there paragraphs that seem less coherent or less convincing than others? If so, choose one and explain how it might be clarified and/or better supported.

General Content

Is the bulk of the essay focused on analysis, rather than personal opinion or summary?

Overall

Make at least two specific suggestions for improvement. In other words, how could the author make this a stronger paper?