

ENGLISH 100 PEER REVIEW GUIDELINES



Peer reviewers do their best in a brief amount of time to offer opinions and suggestions. Writers are expected to take those tips into consideration but, ultimately, make their own decisions about their essays.

1. First, write your name on the draft as follows: “Peer Reviewed by (your name) .”
2. Then, on the back of the draft, offer three strengths and three ways to improve (see model below):

Some parts of this paper could be stronger if...	Some parts are good because...
a)	a)
b)	b)
c)	c)

- Think about the goals of the assignment (listed below), and prioritize when offering comments.
- There isn't time to address everything; there's just time for what seems most worthwhile to you.

FOCUS	<p><u>Does the essay provide clear focus?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the opening paragraph introduce a clear main point (about a text) and let readers know that personal connections will go with it? • Do easy-to-find topic sentences effectively signal the main point of each paragraph? Are all paragraphs focused and unified?
FLOW	<p><u>Is organization clear, smooth, and effective?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there smooth transitions within and between all paragraphs? Are quotes smoothly handled? • Are tight connections maintained by avoiding repetition and by keeping related ideas together?
CONTENT	<p><u>Is the essay supported with well-developed paragraphs?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it include sufficient ideas and well-selected examples? Does it explain and illustrate ideas with accuracy and specificity? Do vivid and engaging details add powerful impact to the support? <p>Does it include at least two quotes from the author selected?</p> <p><u>Does it have an engaging title, introduction, and conclusion?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the title catchy, and does it signal a specific topic? • Does the introduction have an effective hook? • Does the conclusion leave readers feeling like the topic matters to them?
CLARITY	<p><u>Does the essay look clear and accurate in its presentation?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it follow MLA format? Is the font 12-point Times New Roman? Are the margins 1” exactly? Is the essay double spaced (without unnecessary extra line spaces, particularly between paragraphs)? <p>➤ Is it carefully proofread for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and effective word choice?</p>