ENGL 101 PEER REVIEW

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

DIRECTIONS:

1. First, write your name on the draft as follows: “Peer Reviewed by ___(your name)___.” Please make your name as reviewer super obvious for me to find.

2. After reading (or as you read) a draft, flip it over, re-write on the back of the paper what's below, and fill in the blanks (based on the suggested guidelines below):

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CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES & PRIORITIZE: When commenting, consider the goals (below) of the essay and prioritize—there’s only time for what seems most worthwhile to you:

Does the essay make clear main points?
- Is there a specific, easy-to-find thesis statement (a claim with an overall stance) in the introduction? Are all topic sentences easy to find and effective at signaling the main point of each paragraph?

Is the essay engaging?
- Does the opening create interest in the topic? Does the conclusion leave readers feeling like the topic matters to them? Does it have an effective title (specific, memorable, and on topic)? Do supporting examples strengthen the essay by being descriptive and memorable?

Is the essay supported with well-developed paragraphs?
- Does it include sufficient quotes and well-selected examples? Does it explain ideas clearly and demonstrate careful attention to its sources? Does the support go beyond summary by providing a variety of specific details about both the advantages and drawbacks of particular examples of technology?

Is it well organized?
- Do easy-to-find topic sentences effectively signal the main point of each paragraph? Are all paragraphs focused and unified? Does the essay avoid unnecessary repetition? Are there smooth transitions within and between all paragraphs? Are there clear and effective connections between the reaction and reflection parts of the essay?

Does it look and sound credible?
- Does it maintain an academic-sounding, respectful tone?
- Does the essay follow MLA format?
- Does it quote and cite according to MLA format? Does it avoid “dropped” quotes?
- Is it carefully proofread for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and effective word choice?