**ENGL 103 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 it make a clear argument?**
  - Does it signal key points clearly? Is there a specific easy-to-find thesis statement (an arguable claim) in the introduction? Does it signal clear and specific ways the texts are similar but different? Are all the topic sentences easy-to-find claims within paragraphs?

- **Does it make an engaging argument?**
  - 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)?

- **Does it support its argument with well-developed body paragraphs?**
  - Does it include sufficient quotes and examples? Does it demonstrate thoughtful attention to the arguments of its sources? Are quotes smooth and effective? Are they set up and followed up effectively? Are there accurate citations? Are dropped quotes avoided?

- **Is it well organized?**
  - Do specific easy-to-find topic sentences effectively signal the main point of each paragraph? Are all paragraphs focused and unified? Does it avoid unnecessary repetition? Are there smooth transitions within and between all paragraphs?

- **Does it look and sound credible?**
  - Regardless of whether you agree with the argument, is the handling of it convincing insofar as it avoids obvious pitfalls of logic such as exaggeration/overstatement (often triggered by all-inclusive or all-exclusive language such as “always, never, everyone, no one, only, etc.”)?
  - Does it maintain a professional-sounding, respectful tone?
  - Does the essay follow MLA format?
  - Is it carefully proofread for spelling, punctuation, grammar, and effective word choice?