

PEER EVALUATION FORM

Use the following questions to evaluate your partner's research paper. Direct your comments to your partner.

Writer:

Evaluator (your name):

Writing the Research Paper

1. Identify the subject of your peer's research paper? Explain why the subject is too broad, too narrow, or appropriate for the length of the paper.

2. Find the thesis statement for the research paper. Write the sentence that you believe expresses the thesis statement (For an example of argument thesis statements, see *Successful College Writing*, p. 593-4).

3. Identify passages or paragraphs that provide rational evidence or an emotional appeal that struck you as significant and effective (*Successful College Writing*, pp. 560-1 and 596-8).

4. Identify passages or paragraphs of the paper that you found most interesting and effective.

5. Find and list those paragraphs
 - a. That need to be supported with more specific details.
 - b. That contain any logical fallacies/faulty reasoning.Recommend strategies to improve the effectiveness of those paragraphs.

6. Identify places in the paper where the author fails to maintain an objective point of view. What steps would you recommend to the author to correct the problem?

7. Check the writer's sources and documentation format for both in-text citations and the References page to ensure that they conform to APA requirements. Identify any errors that need to be corrected in the final draft.

8. Identify any missing elements for the essay (title, abstract, thesis statement, support for claims, in-text citations, conclusion, or reference list).

9. Identify any unity or coherence issues that you find. (In the *Prentice Hall Reference Guide* – unity and development of paragraphs, pp. 20-27).

10. Identify any areas where more effective use of transitional words and phrases would improve the coherence of the essay. (See *Successful College Writing*, pp. 259-260.)

11. Additional Comments: