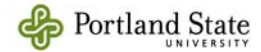


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Peer Response Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to guide you and your peers through a process in which you give each other clear, useful feedback on each others' writing. You are not asked to EVALUATE your peers' writing, but simply to give them information they need to make revision choices. To help your peer(s), please answer the following questions. If you answer directly on their paper, please indicate that in the space below.

What is the strongest, clearest part of this paper right now? Refer to it by page and content. What makes it so clear?

How does this paper show that the author has engaged with this issue? What, specifically, tells you that the writer has reflected on (made important connections with) this issue? Make at least one specific suggestion of a way the paper can further engage with the topic.

Comment on how this paper begins. Is the opening clear? Is it interesting? Is it abrupt or confusing? If this were your opening, what changes would you be making? After reading the first paragraph, where do you think this paper is going?

Find a minimum of two instances where this paper will benefit from a more thorough use of sources (both in-class and others). You might look for specifics without generalizations, generalizations without specifics, and places where you as a reader need more information. Note where and why sources might make this a richer paper, and try to suggest a possible source.

Describe the "problem" this paper is trying to solve. How do you know? Does it "solve" the problem? If so, what outstanding problems does it acknowledge? (It's rare that everything is wrapped up in a neat package in just a few pages!) What are the suggestions for further inquiry? Are those questions explicit or implicit?

Identify where you need more definition. If you hadn't (or haven't) read the same materials, which words or ideas would need more explanation?