**Research Paper Peer Review Worksheet**

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| **Grading Criteria** | |
| Introduction: The introduction provides background information to the topic (the text to be discussed) and stimulates the reader to think receptively about it (a.k.a. the “hook”).  *What is the text?*  *What is the hook? Summarize it here:* | *Does the hook grab your interest?*  *Why or why not?*  *How can it be improved?* |
| Thesis: The thesis (controlling idea) of the essay is clear and easily identifiable by the reader. A thesis statement, usually part of the introduction, is written in one or two sentences.    *Write the thesis statement:* | *Is the thesis clear and concise?*  *Why or why not?*  *How can it be improved?* |
| Body: The body should defend/explain the thesis statement by giving three (or more) points of support and three (or more) references to an outside source. The body should also explain how and/or why the reference defends/explains the thesis statement.  *Summarize the first defense/explanation:*  *What is the outside source?*  *How and/or why does the reference defend/explain the thesis statement?*  *Summarize the second defense/explanation:*  *What is the outside source?*  *How and/or why does the reference defend/explain the thesis statement?*  *Summarize the third defense/explanation:*  *What is the outside source?*  *How and/or why does the reference defend/explain the thesis statement?* | |
| Conclusion: The conclusion should restate the thesis and summarize the analysis from each section (you should have at least three points to summarize) and leave the reader with something to think about.  *Write the restated thesis here, if it is apparent:*  *Summarize the analysis:*  *Does the author leave the reader something to think about? Summarize it here:* | |
| Grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and punctuation should be correct.  *Mark in the essay and note any mistakes that are consistently repeated, such as punctuation errors, tense confusion, etc.:* | |
| Paper Format & MLA Citations: The essay should be formatted according to the format outlined in the syllabus. The outside sources should be cited in the MLA format according to *Rules of Thumb*.  *Is the Paper Format correct? Yes No*  *If it’s incorrect, what specifically needs to be changed?*  *Has the essay author used correct MLA citations? Yes No* | |