

The Research Paper: Editing the Second Draft (online class #5)

In preparation for editing your second draft you will have the opportunity to edit a fellow student's paper. Since it is always easier to see another writer's work with fresher eyes than your own, this editing exercise will give you practice in gaining greater analytical distance on your own work. You will also help your partner to improve her/his paper in preparation for the final draft.

Instructions:

1. Email a copy of your paper to the partner assigned in class.
2. Carefully read the other student's paper. Comment on the paper using the rubric on p. 2 of this assignment.
3. Email a completed copy of the rubric to your partner.
4. Post a copy of the completed rubric under your name on Blackboard.

<i>Assignment Due Date:</i> final date of Online Session 5 (TBA)
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Student Evaluation of Second Draft

Editor's Name:

Paper's Author:

1. a) State in your own words the author's thesis.

b) How could the author improve the clarity of the thesis?
2. a) Find one effective use of an example the author uses to illustrate the thesis. Be specific noting page and paragraph.

b) Identify a point in the paper where an example would help illustrate the thesis but is currently missing.
3. Does the paper's formatting follow APA style in terms of layout, running heads, headings? If not, what needs to be corrected. Be specific noting page and paragraph
4. Is proper APA citation style used for the citations? If not, what is missing? What needs to be corrected?
5. a) What are the author's biggest strengths. Identify at least 2 and give specific examples.

b) Where is there the most room for improvement. Identify at least 2 and give specific examples.