

Causal Argument — Peer Review

- I. Read the draft from beginning to end. As you read, proof read. Mark any problems you notice with grammar, spelling, punctuation, or MLA format.
- II. Write out your peer review on the reverse side of the essay's final page. At the top of the page place the author's name and your own name as shown:

Author: _____ Reviewer: _____

A. Respond briefly to each of the following questions:

1. **TITLE & INTRODUCTION:** Does the title pique your interest? Does the introduction set up the causal issue as a puzzle or a disagreement?
2. **THESIS:** Underline the thesis statement. Does the thesis forecast the essay's structure? Can you understand the argument just from reading the thesis?
3. **STRUCTURE:** Underline the first sentence of each paragraph. Do the topic sentences match the thesis? Does each paragraph stay focused on its topic?
4. **ARGUMENT:** Does the essay present a causal chain? multiple causes? a surprising cause? What is the argument's weakest point?
5. **EVIDENCE:** What kind of evidence does the essay use? personal experience? research? Is the evidence appropriate and adequate to the argument?

B. Make at least TWO specific **suggestions for revision**.