

Essay 4: Peer Critique

- 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. Mark a “?” next to passages you find confusing or that might make a reader stumble. Make a **check mark** next to passages you find strong or interesting.

- II. Write out your peer critique 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. Briefly identify and explain any problems you see in the following areas and suggest specific ways of improving them.
 1. What is the question the essay addresses? How effectively does the essay engage the reader’s interest in this question?
 2. Where does the essay explain the common or popular view of the topic? Do you agree that this is the common view? How does the essay develop or support this view? What additional supporting examples or details might help make the common view more vivid or compelling?
 3. What is the writer’s surprising view? Were you surprised? What details does the essay use to develop or support the surprising view? What additional supporting examples or details might help make the surprising view more vivid or compelling?
 4. Where could the author improve the effectiveness of signal phrases, quotations, and MLA documentation in the essay?

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