

Peer Critique for Essay #3

Write out your peer critique **on a separate page**. At the top of the page place the author's name and your own name as shown:

Author's name: _____

Peer Reviewer's name: _____

- I. Read the draft at normal speed from beginning to end. As you read, draw a **wavy line** under sentences or phrases that might cause a reader to stumble, and make a **check mark** in the margins next to any passages you find especially strong or interesting. Mark any problems you notice with grammar, spelling, or punctuation.
- II. Mark any errors you see in MLA formatting for the in-text parenthetical references and the Works Cited page.
- III. Read the draft again slowly and respond to the following with brief, specific explanations on a separate page.
 1. Summarize the essay in one or two sentences.
 2. Make an outline of the essay's organization.
 3. What specific details does the essay use to create a compelling portrait of its subject? Where could the essay include more details about its subject?
 4. Which of the four character portrait essays we have read (the excerpt from *An American Childhood*, "My Father: Leslie Stephen," "Yeager," and "George Washington") does this essay most resemble and why?
- IV. List at least three major **strong points** and three major **weak areas** of the draft.