

Peer Conferencing Tool

Name of writer:

Date:

Name of reviewer:

Date:

Directions to the Reviewer

Read the draft. Make suggestions for improvement. Be specific. Consider the questions listed below. Jot down notes for your conference with the writer. Be prepared to share your responses.

What is the writer's purpose? Is it clear?

Is the topic too large to cover in this essay? If so, how can the writer define the thesis statement or controlling idea?

Does the introduction make you want to read the rest of the essay? If not, why?

Are the ideas presented logical and easy to follow? Are there places the author can strengthen sentences to connect ideas (i.e., use transitions)?

Do you wish the writer had included more information in some places? If so, where?

Are there parts that could be left out? If so, where?

Are there places where the writer could have used more exact or appropriate language? If so, what words do you suggest?

What parts, if any, did you find confusing?

Is the overall structure of the essay clear? Does it include a variety of sentence types?

What do you like best about the paper? Why?

What could the writer do to most improve this paper?

Are there any spelling or grammatical errors? If so, list possible ways to correct them.