

# Peer Editing

Editor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Format

1. Is the essay in 12-point, Times New Roman font?
2. Is the essay double-spaced with no extra spaces?
3. Is there a catchy title?
4. Is the heading on the left-hand side of the first page (MLA format)?
5. Are there page numbers on the upper-right hand corner of each page?

## 2. Introduction

1. How many sentences are there in the introduction?
2. Is there a hook, a **strong** attention-grabbing sentence to start the essay?
3. Does the author successfully recap the story in two to three story summary sentences?
4. Is there a debatable thesis statement at the end of the introduction?
5. In the margins, write what you think this essay will be about.

## 3. Body Paragraphs

1. Are there three body paragraphs?
2. Answer these questions for each of the body paragraphs:
3. Are there eight sentences? (there should be eight to ten)

4. Does the topic sentence match one of the points made in the thesis statement? Are they in the same order?
5. Do the concrete details (quotes) properly cite material from the novel? And directly support the topic?
6. Do the commentaries extend beyond vague plot summaries and actually analyze the concrete details?
7. Is there a quote from *each* story in *each* body paragraph (2 quotes)?
8. Does the concluding sentence successfully summarize the body paragraph?

#### **4. Conclusion**

1. Does the author restate his or her thesis statement?
2. Does the author summarize the three body paragraphs in three separate sentences?
3. Does the author leave the reader with some type of universal thought, or thought-provoking idea?

#### **5. Other**

1. Is the essay written in third-person? (no I, me, my, mine)
2. Is the essay in present tense? (no -ed words)
3. Are the quotes cited properly?
4. Are there any taboo words?

Author \_\_\_\_\_ Editor \_\_\_\_\_

Peer Edit      Paragraph

What is the topic? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the controlling idea? \_\_\_\_\_

Write the first supporting sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Write what details, facts, anecdotes, or examples follow the first supporting sentence here

Write the second supporting sentence here \_\_\_\_\_

Write what details, facts, anecdotes, or examples follow the first supporting sentence here

Write the third supporting sentence here \_\_\_\_\_

Write what details, facts, anecdotes, or examples follow the first supporting sentence here

What is appropriate and effective about the concluding sentence? What can be improved?

What additional advice would you recommend to this writer? (Think about clarity, cohesion, and unity) \_\_\_\_\_