

# REVISION PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

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Working in pairs, read over your peer's paper silently. Then answer the following questions specifically and concretely as you mark up their draft. Keep the Revision Strategies handout handy as you read and comment. Then discuss and make suggestions about each of the following with your partner:

## I. Revision (Specific, Substantive, and Strategic)

### ASSIGNMENT & ARGUMENT

- How does the revised paper satisfy the assignment's goals and requirements?
  
- What is the a central purpose, argument, or claim of the paper? Is it clear, specific, arguable? Depending on the revised paper, the overall goal will differ. Does the goal, argument, or claim answer the "so what" or "this is important because" questions? Does the paper matter in a larger context?
  
- How do the subclaims relate back to the main argument? Please bracket the sentences that describe the subclaims in the paper. How well do they answer the "so what" question?

### ORGANIZATION

- Is there a clear introduction that anticipates the paper's following organization? Point to a specific point in the intro where this does or does not occur.
  
- Do all the paragraphs have a purpose that relates to the overall argument? How might this be made clearer or more effective?
  
- How effectively are transitions used? Please mark them in the text, or offer suggestions as to possible places where the author can use transitions.
  
- Is there a clear conclusion that offers more than just summary? Point to a specific point in the conclusion where this does or does not occur.

## SOURCES

- Is there relevant and useful evidence? How do these sources act as evidence to support the paper's goals? Does the author only summarize the argument from the source? How might the writer better incorporate their evidence?
  
- If the paper uses quotes, are the quotations properly introduced by recognizing the author and the article/book/etc where the quote is from originally? How might the paper better use quotes?

## II. Editing (Clarity and Precision)

### PARAGRAPHS

- Are there topic sentences that introduce the main goal of the paragraph and show connections between paragraphs? Where? Underline them and write 'topic sentence' or 'subclaim' beside them. If there are no clear topic sentences or subclaims, how might a paragraph be revised to make them clearer?

### SENTENCES

- What is the tone of the paper? Does it contribute to the goals of the paper?
  
- What are the top three grammar or style concerns of this paper?

## III. Proofreading (Looking Good is in the Details)

### FORMATTING & MECHANICS

- Has the paper been spellchecked?
- How does the paper meet the manuscript format requirements of the assignment?
- How does the paper adhere to MLA quotation and citation format?
- Is the Works Cited page clear and in the correct format?