

Peer Review Workshop: Guidelines

Consider the following question as you discuss each essay in your group. Be sure to use appropriate expressions of suggestion—and the suggestion sandwich—in your discussions.

1. Does the appearance of the essay welcome the reader?
 - Is there a title?
2. In a word or phrase, identify the concept explained in the essay.
 - What is the precise focus of the essay?
 - Is the concept introduced through a familiar context?
3. After reading the essay, do you understand the concept?
4. Are all terms used clearly defined? If not, why not?
5. How did the author help you or hinder you in your understanding?
 - Consider the organizational strategy, the use of transitions, and the level of detail.
 - Is the introductory paragraph successful in capturing your attention and identifying the general concept?
 - Do all paragraphs have clear topic sentences?
6. Is the author's tone (or ethos) of the essay academic, informal or mixed?
7. What suggestions do you have for revisions?

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