

Peer Feedback Guide

Use Guidelines

Asking someone else to read and comment on a draft you have completed is an excellent way to get suggestions for revising the draft. However, your readers will provide better feedback if you give them guidance about the kind of feedback you need. The following are some questions and directions that will produce very useful information. Choose the items that are best suited to your situation, and supplement them with your own questions regarding any other aspects of the paper for which you would find feedback helpful. Or use the general feedback form included on the next page.

Please mark any places in the essay where you find yourself becoming confused. (areas in the draft that may require clarification)

Please underline any points in the essay that you find hard to believe. (areas in the draft that may require more evidence or examples)

Please circle in the essay any idea you would like to know more about. (ideas in the draft that could be given more prominence or be developed more fully)

Please mark any place in the essay where you would like to have an example, or more examples. (portions of the draft that require more examples)

Please underline any portion of the essay where you are having trouble seeing the connection to the rest of the essay. (portions of the draft that may not belong in the essay, or that may need improved transition or relationship statements)

Please complete the following sentence: After reading your essay, it appears to me that your main idea is _____. (whether you have been clear about your focus. Beware of blaming your reader for not recognizing your main idea; ask yourself how you need to revise the draft to focus it more clearly)

Please complete the following sentence: After reading your essay, it seems to me that the main reason that these ideas are important is _____. (whether you have made the relevance of your essay clear. Consider what revisions are needed so that your reader isn't left asking, "so what?")

Please complete the following sentence: After reading your essay, what I don't quite understand is _____. (portions of your draft where you may need further explanation, examples or development)

Please complete the following sentence: The idea I found most interesting in your essay was _____. (ideas in the draft that could be given more prominence or be developed more fully)

If the requirements of the assignment are such that those people reviewing your draft are likely to understand them (other students in the class, for example), it can be helpful to ask reviewers to read the requirements and indicate any that they feel you may have neglected.

Peer Review Feedback Form

Thank you for agreeing to review my essay titled _____.
Below you will find some directions and guiding questions designed to make your feedback and suggestions for revising my essay draft constructive and efficient.

Specific Feedback Within Essay Structure

1. Please mark any places in the essay where you find yourself becoming confused.
2. Please underline any points in the essay that you find hard to believe.
3. Please circle in the essay any idea you would like to know more about.
4. Please mark any place in the essay where you would like to have an example, or more examples.
5. Please underline any portion of the essay where you are having trouble seeing the connection to the rest of the essay.

Summary Feedback After Reading the Essay

Please complete the following sentences:

1. After reading your essay, it appears to me that your main idea is

_____.
2. After reading your essay, it seems to me that the main reason that these ideas are important is

_____.
3. After reading your essay, what I don't quite understand is

_____.
4. The idea I found most interesting in your essay was

_____.