Peer Review

Reviewer’s name: 
Name of person whose composition you’re reviewing: 

The purpose of peer reviewing is to give us writers a gauge by which to detect the reactions of others to our writing. An awareness of others’ reactions can help us to improve the content of our writing.

Step 1: First, scan the title and the first paragraph. Then, 
(a) write down what you think the paper’s topic is: __________________________________________

(b) On the paper itself, underline the sentence that you feel is the thesis. 

Based on what you’ve read so far, what are your expectations for the rest of the essay? That is, what are the questions that you now have about the topic that you expect the rest of the paper to answer for you?

(c) Write down your questions and expectations: __________________________________________

Step 2: Now read the text carefully. Has it answered the questions that you had? Jot down briefly any questions that weren’t answered: __________________________________________

Step 3: Identify areas of the text where you were a little confused or where you’d like to get more information (details, examples, explanations). Make notes in the right margin.

Step 4: Identify areas that you particularly liked. Identify these in the left margin.

Step 5: Make one suggestion for the writer about what s/he could do to make the text better.

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Adapted from a model by Trish Dvorak, University of Washington