

Peer Review: Synthesis Argument

Name of Author (me): _____

Name of Reviewer (peer partner): _____

Title of narrative: _____

One question I have for my peer review partner is:

Instructions

Before you begin, on your OWN draft, circle all the places where you are referencing sources (i.e: places where others are “talking”). For each, have you included a signal phrase? Have you used quotation marks (if quoting directly?) have you included (as needed) in-text citations? Make these notes for yourself before moving on to peer review. Then, give your draft to your partner.

Reviewer: Read the draft aloud to your partner. Answer all questions based on what your partner has written/read to you, not on your own thoughts. The goal is to help your partner see where they have communicated their ideas, and where they need to fill in gaps.

1. In about 20 words, summarize the main controversial issue.
2. Make a list of *the main points of the conversation*. Is it always clear “who” is talking? Where could we clarify?
3. Make a quick list of the *most interesting/surprising points* in this draft that stood out to you, and explain to your partner why you noted them.
4. Are there places where we could better connect ideas with transitions, or reorganization?
5. REARRANGE? Do you see an opportunity to make a more interesting/engaging introduction?
6. Do you see an opportunity to make a more interesting/poignant conclusion? Why? How?
7. Reread the title. How do you think the author felt about their critique? Do you think the title fits the paper, or could it be better? If the author hasn’t included one, what might be an effective title?
8. Respond to the author’s question.

Reflect/Revise. Once you have completed peer review, respond to the following questions and post on the Peer Review blog. Use the remaining time to work on revisions.

1. Now that you have heard your draft read aloud and received feedback, what advice is most helpful?
2. How do you plan to address this?
3. What is the most effective part of your draft so far?
4. What will be your focus for revision (1-3 points) and what is your plan to address them?