

Peer Review: Narrative Argument

Name of Author (me): _____

Name of Reviewer (peer partner): _____

Title of narrative: _____

One question I have for my peer review partner is:

Instructions

Read your partner's draft OUT LOUD to them. Make notes on the following aspects and discuss them with your partner. Take your time! Talk!

Part 1: What Is.

1. THE STORY: Make some quick notes or summarize in about 20 words *what happens* in this narrative.
2. GREAT MOMENTS: Point out three specific or moments (can be moments in the writing or the actual story or both) that stood out to you. What made them stand out? Why?
3. THE REFLECTION: Make some quick notes and discuss what you see as the *main point or meaning* of this piece. It does not have to be a lesson ("so always brush your teeth"), it can be a complicated theme, for example: "this story reveals the struggle to find identity in a multicultural society."
4. CONNECTIONS: Does this remind you of anything (news stories, your own experiences, other books/films/texts etc.)? And/or what does it make you think about/question/reconsider? Why?

Part 2: What Will Be.

1. MORE? Are there places where the author could replace telling (it was tasty) with showing (the cool, grainy sweetness of pear juice bursting on my tongue with each bite)? Where do we need examples, names, numbers, and/or sensory details? What do you want to know more about? (This can be in terms of the events, for example "What happened after you said...?" or sensory details: "what did that sound/taste/smell/feel/look like...?")
2. REARRANGE? Do you see an opportunity to make a more interesting/engaging introduction?
3. Do you see an opportunity to make a more interesting/poignant conclusion? Why? How?
4. 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?

Part 3: 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?