Peer Editing Checklist

Use the following checklist to help you evaluate your partner’s writing. Remember to offer 2 constructive suggestions and point out 2 parts you especially like.



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As you are editing, please look for the following:

**WC-** Word Choice..could the writer be using stronger, more descriptive words?

**Sp**elling/ Usage – Look for words that are not spelled or used correctly.

**Pun**ctuation- Look at the use of periods, commas, question marks, apostrophes, etc.

**Cap**italization – Look at the use of capital letters in words at the beginning of sentences, in proper nouns, etc.

1. Can you identify the main idea or thesis in this essay? Yes/No
2. Please underline the thesis in the first paragraph.
3. Does the thesis contain the author’s topic and their opinion or stand on this subject? Yes/No
4. Does this author have an introduction which gives an outline of what the author is going to talk about? Yes/No
5. Is the writing clear and understandable? Yes/No
6. Are there parts of the essay that are unclear? If so, underline them and put a question mark next to the passage.
7. Does the essay have a **clearly organized** middle section, with ideas separated into paragraphs? Yes/No
8. Does each paragraph begin with a **topic sentence**? Yes/No
9. Please underline the **topic sentence** in paragraph 2, 3 and 4.
10. Does each paragraph end with a **transition sentence**, smoothly connecting the ideas of the previous paragraph to the next? Yes/No
11. Does the essay contain persuasive language and strong vocabulary? Yes/No
12. If the essay contains little persuasive language, circle 10 nouns, verbs, or adjectives that you think could be changed for stronger words.
13. Does the essay contain facts to support the claims made? Did they provide examples? Yes/No
14. Does the author have a conclusion which restates the main points of the essay in a new way and give a sense of completion to the essay? Yes/No