

Peer Editing: Essay 2 (Comparison/Contrast)

Answer these questions for every paper you're assigned. Write comments on a separate sheet and/or on the paper itself.

Development: Ask questions!

Does the paper use detailed examples? In which paragraphs?

Where could there be another example or more information?

What questions do you have at the end of each paragraph?

Does the paper repeat itself? Where?

Organization: Is this in the right order?

Is the comparison balanced? Does the writer give both sides equal time and attention? If not, where is the essay unbalanced?

Does the writer use an introduction and conclusion containing relevant information with some kind of trick or "hook" to engage the reader?

Is the paper point by point or subject by subject? If neither, what is it closest to? Where does it go off track?

Fulfillment of Assignment:

Is the paper at least 3 full pages plus some part of the fourth page? (If not, help the reader by asking questions to help them fill in).

Is there a title, page numbers, correct margins, and double spacing?

Citations:

Can you recommend any reputable, credible sources that might assist the author?

Where would having an outside source help the most? Point to a specific paragraph or two.

Mechanics:

Are there distracting errors in grammar and spelling? Where?

Is the vocabulary college appropriate?

Does the writer use topic sentences for each paragraph and transition words? Where could they add more? Be specific.