

Workshop Sheet

1. What is the thesis statement?

2. Comment on the paper's thesis and the introductory paragraph. Is it clear? Logical? appropriate for the length and type of essay? Well-presented? Interesting? etc.

3. List the illustrations, examples, points used to support the argument. Comment on them. Are they appropriate? Convincing? How so?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____

4. What is the structural organization of the essay?

5. What is the main point of the paragraphs in the body of the essay? Are they well-argued and supported? Do they flow logically and develop further the one before?
 - 1st paragraph _____

 - 2nd paragraph _____

 - 3rd paragraph _____

 - 4th paragraph _____

 - 5th paragraph _____

6th paragraph _____

6. Comment on the conclusion. Does it logically follow the arguments above? Is it too abrupt? Is it a mere repetition of previous paragraphs?

7. What do you think of the essay's title? Is it descriptive enough or too vague? Is it interesting? Too long? Helpful in getting a sense of what the paper is about? Appropriate for the content of the paper?

8. Comment on the overall style and writing. What is especially good or bad about the writing? Does the paper fit tightly together or is it rambling? What grammatical problems detract from the readability and credibility of the paper? What organizational problems weaken the flow of the paper? How is the diction? Clear and evocative? Verbose? Vague?

9. What is the use of this paper? What does it contribute to common knowledge about the works? What did you learn from it?