

ESSAY RESPONSE SHEET

Writer Response Area:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Essay Title: _____

Draft Number: _____ Time spent on this draft: _____

Problems I had in writing this paper:

Peer Response Area:

Topic and Thesis:

Is the writer's position clear? What is the thesis or main idea? Quote it here:

Does the introduction make you interested in the paper? Does it help you understand how the paper will be developed? What does it need?

Organization:

Do paragraph divisions make sense? Do any long paragraphs need to be divided? Do any short paragraphs need development?

Do effective cues such as transition words help the reader? Do you get lost in the transition from one idea to another?

Is there an effective conclusion? How could it be improved?

Support:

Are there good arguments and examples? Which arguments are weak?

Is there effective use of sources and authorities? (This is usually not required for personal essays.)

Voice and point of view:

Does the writer present both sides? Do you feel the writer is fair?

Is the writer's position clear throughout?

Are quotes and paraphrases (if present) properly attributed and documented?

Style:

Is the paper easy to read and understand? Are word choices appropriate? Why or why not?

Final Remarks:

Does the paper cause you to think? Did the writer cause you to change your mind about anything?

In general, what would you suggest that the writer change or improve during a revision of

this paper?