

**Research Paper Step Six:
Peer Review of Rough Draft**

Peer Editor: _____

Title of Paper: _____

Author of paper being reviewed: _____

- A. First read the entire rough draft, to get an overall impression of the writer's work.
- B. Then, go back and evaluate the rough draft to see if the writer has covered the required information sufficiently.
- C. Finally, answer the following questions to effectively assist your fellow student in preparing their final research paper.
- D. **Jot down notes for each item, then type up your short answer responses, numbered according to the handout items. Use the appropriate headings.**

Content

1. What is the main impression of this draft?

2. What appears to be the strongest and weakest features of this rough draft?

3. Is the thesis clearly and prominently stated?

4. Is the thesis in its present form worth defending, or does it seem too obvious or too implausible? Explain your answer.

The Research

5. What is being examined?

6. What is the background of the topic? Is there anything the writer should add regarding the background information? Explain what, and how it would enhance this paper.

7. What theory/philosophy is applied to the topic/thesis? Is the theory/philosophy appropriate? Explain why. Are there other theories/philosophies that would be more appropriate? Explain why.
8. Is the thesis adequately supported? What points, if any, need further evidence and review?

Writing Style and Organization

9. Is the tone consistently appropriate to the writer's purpose? Explain your answer.
10. Do the writer's points appear in the most effective order? Explain your answer.
11. Does the rough draft repeat or contradict itself? If so, explain here, or mark the relevant passages in the rough draft.
12. Are all the paragraphs fully developed and well organized? Explain your answer.
13. Are the opening and closing paragraphs effective in arousing curiosity and giving a sense of completion? If not, how could they be improved?
14. What did the writer learn from this assignment?

Technical considerations

15. Did the writer use at least 6 sources in the text of this paper? List them:
- a. Scholarly articles (4 minimum)
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____
 - b. Book(s):
 1. _____
 2. _____
 - c. Government publications (i.e., government reports):
 1. _____
 2. _____
16. Did the writer use any other sources of information to supplement the text of this paper? If so, list them:
1. _____
 2. _____
17. Did the writer use correct APA style format for their in-text citations? (Note appropriate page numbers here and mark the citations on the page).
18. Did the writer paraphrase effectively? Where? (Identify at least 2 good paraphrases; list page number and underline paraphrase on the page)
19. Are a significant number of expressions erroneous in meaning, tone, spelling, or correctness of usage? Mark examples on the draft, noting page numbers here.
20. Does the rough draft have an appropriate title? Explain your answer.

Closing comments (Note: Answers of “no advice” are not acceptable)

21. What suggestions do you have to improve the rough draft? *(This is especially important in assisting your fellow student in writing their final research paper.)*

22. What questions or advice do you have for the writer after reading and editing their paper?

23. What are your concluding thoughts about the rough draft?

Thank you for your assistance in helping your fellow student!