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NOTE: Give this review sheet to someone who can write well or can be trusted to thoroughly examine your paper. It may be a friend, family member, or tutor. It must be attached to your final draft to receive full credit. Late peer reviews will not be accepted.

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# Research Paper Peer Review

Read the paper once without marking it. Then read the paper again, while answering the questions below. Be sure to mark any errors on the paper as you answer the questions.

1. Is the essay titled? If not, do you have any title suggestions?
2. Does the essay begin with a general statement of 2-3 sentences about the topic?
3. Does the introduction end in a thesis statement that states the author's main point?
4. Is it specific, debatable, and expandable?
5. If not, how might it be improved?
6. Does the first body paragraph begin with a topic sentence? Do all the following body paragraphs begin with topic sentences? Note any succeeding paragraphs without strong topic sentences.
7. Do the body paragraphs contain adequate and relevant research information to prove

the writer's thesis? Note anywhere on the paper that research could be improved. Note anything that is **irrelevant** or **unclear**.

1. Has the writer cited multiple sources within the essay? Is at least one of them a print or print equivalent source? (newspaper, magazine, journal, etc.)
2. Is all research information properly cited within the essay? Note any information that is not cited and should be. Note any mistakes in citation format.
3. Does the paper contain enough supporting details and information? Note any places that seem vague or unclear.
4. Do all body paragraphs end in strong clincher statements? Indicate any places where clinchers are needed.
5. Does the writing flow smoothly with subtle and appropriate transitions? Note any

places where transitions are needed.

1. Is the conclusion adequate in length and scope? (Be sure it is not merely a repetitive summary of what has already been said.)
2. Is the overall word choice strong and accurate? Note any places where stronger

words are needed. Note any places where sentences are wordy.

1. Correct any grammar/mechanics/usage mistakes. If quotes are used, is the

punctuation always before the quotation marks? Have commas been used correctly?

Are there run-on sentences or fragments? Spelling mistakes?

1. Is there a Works Cited sheet attached at the end? Is it in correct format?

(Alphabetical by author's last name or article title if no author is given, hanging

indents, etc.)

1. Are the works on the Works Cited list actually CITED within the essay? (Note the difference between a Bibliography and a Works Cited. A Works Cited means you have actually cited everything listed. Do not list anything you did not actually cite in your paper.)
2. Note any final questions and/or comments below.