

## Peer Review – Narrative/Descriptive Essay

Peer doing the evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper is by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of paper being reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read through your partner's essay twice. The first time familiarize yourself with the subject of the essay-the place or object being described. The second time, read for the essentials we discussed in class: the qualities of good writing, as well as effective description and narration. Mark the essay as you read and add questions or comments on the writing. Then, please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Do not just give the paper and writer the stamp of approval, or a "yes" or "no" answer - you will be doing your partner a disservice. When you are done, make a copy to place in your daily work portfolio due at the end of the semester; you will be graded on thoroughness of your responses. Then give the original to your partner use this to revise his/her paper, and place in his/her essay portfolio.

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**CENTRAL IDEA:** Is the thesis statement clearly stated? Is it narrowed and focused? Is there a "central impression"? Suggestions for improvement?

**INTRO/CONCLUSION:** Is the introduction effective and interesting? Suggestions for improvement? Does the conclusion add a note of finality?

**DEVELOPMENT:** Does the body of the paper support the thesis? Is the paper developed enough? Enough specific, concrete, and convincing examples and details? Appeals to senses? Comparisons used? Suggestions for improvement?

**ORGANIZATION/COHERENCE:** Does the paper "flow"? Are the ideas stated in logical order? Are the transitions between sentences and ideas effective and clear? Is the paper itself clear and understandable or confusing? Suggestions for improvement?

STYLE: What do you think of the style and tone of the paper? Is the sentence structure too simple or too convoluted? Is it difficult to follow? Is the word choice specific and interesting or dull and general?

Mechanical problems? Grammar, punctuation, spelling?

What is your overall impression of the essay? What did the author do especially well? What do you like about it? Suggestions for improvement?

Evaluate/give feedback to the essay's author using the following scale by circling the number the best describes the author's essay (4=excellent, 0=needs a lot of work), and offer comments in each section as applicable:

UNITY (thesis, stays on topic)

4 3 2 1 0

COHERENCE (understandable, logical arrangement of ideas, sentences, and paragraph)

4 3 2 1 0

DEVELOPMENT (enough specific details)

4 3 2 1 0

STYLE (exact, descriptive, and varied word choice and sentence structure)

4 3 2 1 0

MECHANICS (grammar, punctuation, and spelling)

4 3 2 1 0

\_\_\_\_\_ x 5% = \_\_\_\_\_ (total score)