

College Essay Peer Reading
AP English Literature & Composition

Author: _____

Peer Reader: _____

1. Is the essay written with an obvious and powerful focus? If so, what is it? If not, suggest to the author how he/she might improve the essays focus.

2. Does the essay “show” instead of “tell” at points throughout the essay? (create scenes, use dialogue &/or internal monologue, use actual examples) If so, write an example of it here. If not, suggest places in the essay that one or more of these techniques could be used.

3. Does the writing have a consistent, controlled voice? If so, describe two things you liked about this aspect of the essay here. If not, tell the author two things he/she could do to make this better.

4. Does the essay clearly demonstrate personal reflection and critical thought? How so? If not, why not?

5. Can you the reader sense the earnestness of the writing? Is it clear that the author realizes the power of his/her essay? Explain.

6. Make any corrections or suggestions you like right on the essay.