

Peer Review Checklist: Constructive Criticism Focus

Instructions: Use this checklist to guide your peer review process. Remember to be specific, positive, and constructive in your feedback.

1. Content and Ideas

- **Is the main idea or thesis clear?**
 - Yes, it is clearly stated.
 - Somewhat clear but could use more focus.
 - Needs improvement; suggest a clearer thesis.
- **Are the ideas well-developed and supported with evidence or examples?**
 - Well-supported with strong evidence/examples.
 - Somewhat supported; could use additional evidence/examples.
 - Needs more development; suggest where more details are needed.
- **Is the content relevant and on-topic?**
 - Stays on topic throughout the piece.
 - Mostly on-topic but has some irrelevant details.
 - Needs better focus on the main topic.

2. Organization and Structure

- **Is the writing organized logically with a clear beginning, middle, and end?**
 - Well-organized with clear structure.
 - Mostly organized, but some sections could be rearranged for clarity.
 - Needs better organization; suggest ways to improve flow.
- **Are paragraphs focused and do they transition smoothly?**
 - Paragraphs are focused with smooth transitions.
 - Transitions could be improved in some areas.
 - Needs work on paragraph focus and transitions.
- **Does the conclusion effectively summarize the main points?**
 - Strong conclusion that ties everything together.
 - Conclusion is present but could be stronger.
 - Needs a more effective conclusion.

3. Style and Voice

- **Is the writing engaging and appropriate for the audience?**
 - Engaging and appropriate for the intended audience.
 - Somewhat engaging; could better connect with the audience.
 - Needs improvement in engagement or appropriateness.
- **Is the tone consistent throughout the piece?**
 - Consistent and appropriate tone.
 - Mostly consistent, but some shifts in tone.
 - Needs a more consistent tone.

4. Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling

- **Are there any grammar or spelling errors?**
 - Few to no errors; well-edited.
 - Some errors; suggest specific corrections.
 - Needs significant editing for grammar/spelling.
- **Is punctuation used correctly?**
 - Punctuation is correct and enhances readability.
 - Some punctuation errors; suggest specific corrections.
 - Needs improvement in punctuation use.

5. Constructive Feedback

- **What did you like most about the writing?**
 - Provide a specific example of what worked well (e.g., "I really liked how you described the setting—it made the scene vivid and easy to imagine."):
- **What is one area where the writing could be improved?**
 - Provide a constructive suggestion (e.g., "The argument in the third paragraph could be stronger with more examples."):
- **Any additional comments or suggestions?**
 - Offer any other thoughts or advice to help improve the writing:

Final Thoughts:

- **Overall, how would you rate the writing?**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Needs Improvement

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reminder: Your feedback should help your peer improve their writing. Be kind, clear, and specific!