Writer_______________________ Analysis Peer Response

Reviewer_______________________

Provide thorough and thoughtful responses to the following questions. **Yes and No answers are insufficient**, so comment, explain, or offer suggestions for all responses. You may also write on the draft and mark grammar and punctuation mistakes.

1. Does the title grab your interest? Does it suggest the essay’s content?

2. Does the introduction give the author’s full name, article title, and background/summary of article?

3. Underline the thesis. Does it sufficiently narrow the topic? Claim something specific and significant? Convey the purpose? Establish voice (attitude toward subject)? Based on the introduction, predict what you expect to find in the body of the essay.

4. What aspects of the work does the writer analyze, and how effective is the analysis?

5. Are the explanations sufficient for you to understand easily and accept the points the writer makes? If not, what needs to be explained?
6. Does each body paragraph contain a topic sentence, relevant quotations, and sufficient support?

7. Does each body paragraph analyze rather than summarize?

8. Is the essay’s organization appropriate and effective?

9. Does the essay have a complete and relevant conclusion? Is the thesis restated in different words? Has the idea of the thesis been expanded in light of evidence presented in the body paragraphs?

10. Does the writer have appropriate transitional words, phrases, and sentences? Mark all transitions on the draft. Note any place that needs a transition or has an inappropriate or ineffective one.

11. Does the writer follow MLA format? Consider margins, spacing, headers, and font size.

12. Discuss the strongest and weakest aspects of this essay with the writer.