

PEER EDITING

Goals for Second Draft:

- Create an interesting introductory paragraph
- Grabbing the reader's attention with powerful sentences
- Revise your thesis statement
- Create a concluding paragraph that does not "sum up" or give advice

Reader: *Put your name and e-mail address at the top of your partner's paper.* Silently read the introduction and conclusion on your partner's draft. After you have read these paragraphs once, follow the below directions. (This draft with peer comments will be turned in with the final draft.)

1. Put large brackets around the introductory paragraph(s) and the concluding paragraph(s). Discuss with your partner whether or not these are the intended introduction and conclusion. If they are not, discuss with your partner how she/he can clearly delineate these paragraphs from the body of the essay.
2. After reading the introductory paragraph make a list of the topics that are indicated in the paragraph. Discuss with your partner whether these topics are fully covered within the essay.
3. Underline the thesis statement. In your own words, re-write the thesis statement and pinpoint the focused argument. If you do not understand the thesis statement, discuss this with your partner and brainstorm on an effective thesis statement that has a focused argument.
4. Does the concluding paragraph "echo" the main idea/argument or repeat. On your partner's draft, write "echo" or "repeats" out to the side of the concluding paragraph. Underline the most provocative sentence or phrase in the paragraph and discuss its importance with your partner.
5. Does the concluding paragraph ask the reader to think beyond the main idea? (Avoid giving advice in the final paragraph!)
6. Does the essay have a title? Does it say anything interesting about the essay? (If not, discuss with your partner.)