

## Peer Review Sheet 4: Argument

Writer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### **Thesis and Purpose:**

Does the paper present a clear statement of the paper's main idea and purpose, outlining the claim and warrants for that claim? YES / NO

If YES, write that thesis statement here:

If NO, offer more information on the problems you had with the thesis. Was it too difficult to find? Unclear? Too broad or too narrow? Not present at all?

Did the thesis appear at the end or very near to the end of the essay's introduction? YES / NO

### **Audience**

Does the essay have a clear sense of its audience? Of that audience's values? YES / NO

If YES, identify a.) to whom the writing is addressed ("general readers" is too broad—be specific) and b.) what in the writing specifically appeals to that audience and their values?

If NO, what can be done to more effectively accommodate the paper to its audience?

**Organization**

Does the essay follow a logical scheme of organization? YES / NO Does the essay's introduction set up a "blueprint" for what is to come in the essay? YES / NO

If NO, how could the organization be improved? What could the writer do, specifically to more effectively show the progress of the narration through time?

**Detail and Development**

Has the writer provided sufficient detail in the paper? As a reader, do you have sufficient detail to understand and be persuaded by the argument the paper is making? Has the writer provided compelling evidence to support his or her claims? YES / NO

If YES, point out some examples of effective uses of description, detail, and evidence in the essay.

If NO, identify at least one place in the essay where more detail and description could have been provided. Be specific as to the kinds of information you need as a reader.

**Citation**

Has the writer cited any secondary source material appropriately using correct MLA citation style? YES / NO Are there two citations present, as required by the assignment? YES / NO

If NO, identify places where the writer needs to improve / correct the use of MLA citation style

**Works Cited**

Does the paper have a properly-formatted MLA Works Cited page? YES / NO

If NO, identify the incorrect entry or entries on the Works Cited or note that the page is “not present.”

**Introduction and Conclusion**

Do the introduction and conclusion of the paper establish a sense of purpose and importance for the paper’s subject? Do they establish a sense of relevance and urgency for the paper’s intended audience? YES / NO

If YES, what in the introduction and conclusion specifically creates a sense of purpose and importance for the audience?

If NO, what could be done to improve the sense of purpose and importance?

**Mechanics and Language**

Are the language and mechanics of the essay appropriate to its audience and purpose? YES / NO

What about the essay’s language makes it appropriate or inappropriate for its intended audience?

Identify the essay’s main mechanical or grammatical problems in the space below:

