

## **Writing Project 3: Peer Workshop**

Writing is a social activity. We become better writers by reading others' work and sharing our own. In essence, peer workshops are designed to help you grow as a writer by providing a supportive space for sharing and critiquing work. By participating actively, you not only improve your own writing but also contribute to the development of your peers.

### **Sharing Your Draft**

1. Discussion Thread:
  - a. Each group member will have their own thread for discussion about their draft on the Canvas discussion board. The discussion will take place in this thread.
2. Post Your Draft:
  - a. Attach your draft document to your group's Peer Workshop discussion board.
  - b. Click on "reply" to the main discussion post bottom left.
  - c. In the box, write the title of your assignment. Let your group members know if you have specific concerns or if you are working on particular elements of craft or style.
  - d. Click on "Post reply" (lower right).

### **Feedback Instructions**

1. Read and Respond:
  - a. Read each of your group members' drafts.
  - b. Please answer all the questions below for each draft. You are welcome to provide additional feedback, but you must answer the questions provided.
2. Focus Your Comments:
  - a. Prioritize elements that will have the greatest impact on the writing. Focus on significant issues with the logic or structure of the argument over minor grammatical errors.
  - b. Consider the overall argument's coherence, identifying any logical inconsistencies or gaps.
3. Constructive Questions:
  - a. Ask questions that help the writer clarify and strengthen their essay.
  - b. Frame your comments positively, assuming the best about the writer's intentions.
  - c. Provide feedback from your perspective as a reader: "As a reader, I felt..."

### **Feedback Questions**

1. Summary: In 3-5 sentences, summarize the essay. What is the main topic of the paper? What are the key supporting points?

2. **Strengths:** Identify specific parts of the essay that you enjoyed and found interesting. What aspects of the paper stand out to you? Is there something unique or unexpected in the essay? How does it affect you as a reader? Provide specific examples to support your comments.
3. **Clarity and Depth:** Are there any sections where you feel lost or confused? Identify these areas and explain why they are unclear. What additional details or explanations could help improve these sections? How can the writer expand on these areas to add more depth to the essay?
4. **Address Concerns:** Respond to the specific questions and concerns your peer has noted at the top of their draft.

### **Post Responses to Workshop Questions**

- After reading a group member's draft and answering all four workshop questions for that draft, click "reply" to that person's post and attach your answers.