

Writing Group Commenting Assignment (30 points)

Comments due Tuesday October 11th

1. Rename your Paper--add your last name to the title

2. Write three questions to your own writing that you'd like addressed as comments.

Examples: Could my thesis be worded more clearly? Does my analysis connect to my thesis?

3. Assign roles for your group

Each editor will look specifically at either *structure* or *grammar*. Each paper should have someone in both disciplines, and the editor should switch roles so that he gets a chance to look at both structure and grammar.

Structure

Is the thesis clear/unified/specific/answer a why question/contain all the elements of the paper?

Is the thesis the first sentence of the paper?

Are the quotes introduced? Are they introduced well, in a way that highlights important features about them and provides context?

Does the analysis refer to details in the text and not just restate or paraphrase the quotation?

Does the analysis get linked back to the thesis?

Is there plot summary that can be eliminated?

Are there points that don't relate to the thesis?

Grammar/Style/Formatting

Does the paper follow the guidelines for title and formatting?

Are the quotes cited properly?

Are there unnecessary long or unclear sentences?

Does every comma relate to a SINIFAC rule?

Are the quotes 5-10 words?

Does the writer repeat his sentence structure?

Are the margins/spacings/font and all that junk the way they should be?

4. Add comments to the document

You are responsible for substantial, lengthy feedback in your area. You should make at least 5 specific comments to both of your peers' papers (Use the "Comment" feature under "Insert".)

Avoid making corrections in the actual document. Instead, suggest possible corrections. As an extension, try to avoid being critical without offering a potential solution.

5. The original writer is then responsible for responding to the comments by replying and MAKING

CORRECTIONS WITHIN THE ACTUAL DOCUMENT. I want to see actual work, time, and effort spent into perfecting structure and grammar. Note: I can see everything you do within the document.

Grading:

5 specific, helpful, substantial comments for each paper that in your writing group --10 points

Thoughtful revision of your paper -- 10 points

Total -- 30 points