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Author's Name:

Peer Review Worksheet

Assignment 2: Writing with Genres in Context

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate that you can explain a genre of your choice, compose your own example of that genre, and justify how your example conforms (or successfully bends) the genre conventions. To do this, you will choose a genre, define that genre, create an example of that genre, and explain why your text belongs to the genre you've chosen. As part of this explanation, you should include evidence from the example you've composed to support your assertions about how well your text fits the genre you've chosen. **The revised draft of your genre project should be 1,000-1,500 words.**

As you review your peer's summary draft, try to focus only on the actual content of the writing and not so much on grammar or spelling. Be honest and kind!

Instructions for reviewing your peer's draft:

- Read from beginning to end as an interested reader, trying to understand the ideas first. Don't look for problems immediately.
- Comment directly on the draft, or on a separate piece of paper. You might include positive comments ("I like the way you..."), negative comments ("This sentence seems out of place."), or questions ("I'm not sure what you mean by this. Would this paragraph work better in a different place?"). No matter what, make sure your comments are constructive!
- Offer suggestions or possible alternatives when you can.
- Keep in mind the purpose of this assignment and review your peer's draft accordingly.

Use the following questions to generate specific feedback for your peer:

1. Start with the positive. What works well in this essay?

2. Does the author effectively introduce and define the genre they have chosen? Do they mention the genre's convention, style, medium, purpose, and audience?

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3. Does the author include their own composition of the genre? Does their piece reflect the conventions and style of the genre? If not, how can they better match the constraints of the genre?
4. Does the author include an explanation of the text they have composed? Do they use evidence to effectively explain how their piece fits within the genre?
5. Does the conclusion effectively summarize the main points presented in the essay? Does the essay feel “wrapped up”?
6. What suggestions do you have that might help the author strengthen their essay?