

## **Peer Editing Checklist for Narrative OR Descriptive Essay**

Exchange papers with a partner to answer the following questions. Be generous with your questions and suggestions to the writer. Be sure to discuss the changes you've suggested with the writer after you fill out this checklist. *You should turn in this form to the peer editing dropbox.*

1. Does the title catch your attention or interest you in learning more about the essay?
2. How well does the INTRODUCTION prepare the reader for what will follow? Does the introduction hook your attention?
3. Identify and if possible, **underline** the thesis statement. Explain how well the thesis and paper match. What does the thesis claim the essay will cover?
4. What is the point, the significance of the essay?
5. Based on the descriptions and examples, is the reader able to picture in his or her mind the specific personal experience the writer describes? Does the writer use appropriate description? Highlight the areas in the essay where the writer simply tells and neglects to show the point. Use a **yellow** highlighter for this section.
6. Are some examples unnecessary to the thesis and therefore to the paper? Should these be cut?
7. Does the writer's organization work? Why, or why not? Use **blue** to highlight the areas that do not work.
8. Also, make sure you point out any spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. You can use the "review" tool to make comments in the margins.
9. How well does the paper flow? Where does it seem awkward? Are there enough transitions?
10. Does the conclusion reinforce the thesis without being repetitive? What, if any, recommendation does the writer make to his or her audience? How well does the conclusion provide closure?
11. Place general comments about the paper here.