

Position Paper Peer Review Guide Honors English 12

Please write all feedback as comments. I will review comments to verify that each student had their paper peer reviewed.

1. **Clear thesis and claims** make it easy for the reader to find your main ideas and follow your thought process. Read through your partner's paper and offer feedback on the clarity of these claims. If you cannot find a claim in a body paragraph, please note this!
2. **Explanation and elaboration** is key to helping your reader follow your thought process as well as to convince the reader of your point of view. Consider your peer's explanations. Mark any places where the writer's thought process is not clear and well developed.
3. **Addressing the opposition** is an important part of making a credible, fair argument. Find the place where your peer addresses the opposition. Does your peer make a clear rebuttal that explains/shows why his or her position is superior? Does your peer remember to use fair, respectful language?
4. **Referencing the article(s) and songs** is important to show that your argument is based in the musical and to show that you are considering the ideas of experts. Check to make sure your peer uses effective (not superfluous or disconnected) references to at least 2 songs and at least 1 article.
5. **Developing the why/bigger picture** is crucial to giving your argument significance to the reader. Review the closing elements of your peer's paper: closing sentences in body paragraphs and the conclusion. Does your peer explain why these ideas are important to consider? Does he or she build to a greater concept?
6. **Grabbing the audience's attention** is a part of creating an effective argument. Consider your peer's title, hook, and closing paragraph. Does your peer take advantage of these elements to create a persuasive, engaging tone?
7. **Tracking references and following MLA formatting** are key to creating a credible, responsible academic writing. Review your peer's MLA formatting, works cited page, and citations. Comment on any issues you see. Use the checklist below to review the works cited page.

___ centered title, Works Cited (not bolded or enlarged)

___ 1-inch margins

___ double spaced and no extra spaces

___ hanging indent

___ alphabetical order

___ capitalization and punctuation

___ order and format of information

___ all needed information

___ consistent font and size