

# GD 412: Contemporary Issues in Design | Peer Review

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Draft Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_

Read over the paper once, without stopping to make any comments and on a separate piece of paper, write a paragraph or two of what you took away after reading this. Then, go back and read it over to review.

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Goal: Write a well-organized, clear researched essay on a contemporary topic of interest to you.

## Opening of Paper

The opening paragraph/introduction

{draws the reader into the topic} — (strong) — (good) — (OK) — (Needs work)

Comments:

## Thesis (the “claim”)

{clearly asserts a position} — (strong) — (good) — (OK) — (Needs work)

Comments:

## Sentences

Overall, clarity in sentence structure — (strong) — (good) — (OK) — (Needs work)

Comments:

**Sample strong sentence** (write down sentence and explain why it is strong)

**Sample weak sentence** (write down sentence and explain why it is weak)

### **Paragraph Structure**

Order of paragraphs makes sense \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

Comments:

Each paragraph is coherent in itself \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

Mark the clearest/strongest paragraphs with a star

Comments:

Makes transitions clear, thus giving the proposal "flow" \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

Comments:

Title of the paper \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

Comments:

### **Mechanics**

Uses correct, effective grammatical constructions: \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

**(Put an x in margins where grammar is incorrect/awkward)**

Spells words correctly: \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

Follows the word count criteria: \_\_\_ (strong) \_\_\_ (good) \_\_\_ (OK) \_\_\_ (Needs work)

### **Questions: (type these answers on a separate piece of paper)**

1) What is the most important point the writer is trying to make in this paper? Does he/she succeed?

2) What are you left wanting to know more of? (what is not developed enough in paper)

3) What do you find most interesting about the paper as it stands?

4) What is the weakest part of the paper at this time?