

Persuasive Essay Editing

I, _____, used this sheet to edit _____'s work.

Thesis

- DO YOU AGREE WITH IT BEFORE READING THE REST OF THE ESSAY?
- Does it state an opinion or theory?
- Is it interesting?
- Comments/Suggestions:

Paragraphs

- Are the topic sentences present and relevant to the rest of the paragraph?
- Are all topic sentences related to the thesis?
- Does each point help develop of the argument?
- Are the main points presented in the most logical order?
- Comments/Suggestions:

Conclusion

- Does it relate back to the thesis?
- Does it tie all the arguments together?
- Is it the strongest paragraph?
- Is it interesting?
- Comments/Suggestions:

Diction

- Is there a variety of vocabulary used?
- Is it appropriate (e.g. no slang)?
- Does it sound like the author talking?
- Comments/Suggestions:

Structure

- Is there a balance of facts and opinions?
- Are other points of view addressed? Are they properly discredited or accounted for?
- Are transitional words used appropriately?
- Does the title grab your attention?
- Comments/Suggestions:

HAS YOUR OPINION OF THE THESIS (ARGUMENT) CHANGED SINCE YOU STARTED READING?

ARE YOU IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHOR, NOW THAT YOU HAVE READ THE ESSAY?