

Writer: _____ Editor: _____ Topic # _____

Check Sheet for Paper Five, Draft One

1.

What is the title of this essay? _____

Is the title interesting and informative?

2. Does the opening paragraph raise the reader's interest, provide context for the discussion, and contain a thesis that can sustain the entire paper?

What is the thesis? _____

3. Is each paragraph unified by one topic or idea? Y or N

Par. #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___ #6 ___ #7 ___ #8 ___ #9 ___ #10 ___ #11 ___ #12 ___

Do appropriate details or accurate quotations support the main points in each paragraph? Y or N

Par. #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___ #6 ___ #7 ___ #8 ___ #9 ___ #10 ___ #11 ___ #12 ___

Does each paragraph build on ideas presented in the paragraph before it? Y or N

Does the discussion flow smoothly with no jarring leaps in thinking from paragraph to paragraph? Y or N

Par. #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___ #6 ___ #7 ___ #8 ___ #9 ___ #10 ___ #11 ___ #12 ___

4. Do sentences in the paper seem clear and concise? Has the writer eliminated needless words? **Has the writer eliminated or, at least, kept to a minimum passive voice and the verb "to be"?** Count the times the writer uses the words am, is, are, was, were, be, being or been in the paper: _____

5. Which article or articles does the writer refer to in this paper?

Does the writer cite critical articles correctly in the text and in Works Cited?

Do references to these articles fit logically in the paper, or do they seem artificial, forced?

6. Final Comments:

- If you could change one thing in this paper, what would it be?
- Comment on something you like in this paper: