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Paper #4: Personal Essay—P4D1

Writer:	Date:	
Reader:	Title of this Essay:	

Answer as many questions below as time permits in class.

Write responses on the back of this sheet and return to your writer.

- 1. Subject: What is the main subject of this essay? Is the main subject obvious? Worth writing about?
- 2. Slant: How does the writer approach the subject? What particular slant has the writer taken to this subject? Does this slant interest you?
- 3. Beginning: Does the beginning grab your interest? Can you suggest a more effective beginning?
- **4. Time and Space**: Does the writer orient the reader in time and space? If so, how?
- 5. Balance: How are narrative, descriptive, expository/analytical elements used? Is there an appropriate balance among these three elements?
- **6. Character:** If there are characters, are they used effectively?
- 7. Detail: Does the writer use details effectively—in a specific rather than in a general way? Enough—but not overkill?
- 8. Center: What is at the center of the essay? Is it material that is important to the subject and the slant? Can you suggest anything that would be better for the center?
- 9. Form: Are there mini pieces within the essay? If so, does each contribute to the whole essay? Can you suggest a better order for the mini pieces?
- 10. End: Does the end of the essay satisfy you as a reader? Does the writer achieve unity by circling back to an earlier part of the essay? Does the writer leave you with something provocative to think about?
- 11. Title: After you have read the essay, consider the title. Does it still seem to fit?
- 12. What's left? What information do you still want from the reader?

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