Chapter 11: The Cause-and-Effect Essay

PEER REVIEW FOR ESSAYS

Give the first draft of your essay to a classmate to read and review. Use the following questions to respond to each other’s drafts.

Writer: ____________________________  Reviewer: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________

1. What is the topic or subject of the essay?

2. Does the essay focus mostly on causes or mostly on effects?

For Questions 3-11, your answer should focus on causes if the essay focuses on causes. Your answers should focus on effects if the essay focuses on effects.

3. What is the first cause/effect given? Write it here:

4. What support does the writer give for this cause/effect? Write it here:

5. Is the analysis of this cause/effect clear and sufficient? Yes  No

Give suggestions on how to develop or improve the first cause/effect.

6. What is the next cause/effect given? Write it here:

7. What support does the writer give for this cause/effect? Write it here:

8. Is this analysis of this cause/effect clear and sufficient? Yes  No

Give suggestions on how to develop or improve this cause/effect.

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9. What are the remaining causes/effects given? Write them here:

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10. What support does the writer give for these causes/effects? Write it here:

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11. Is the analysis of these causes/effects clear and sufficient? Yes ☐ No ☐

Give suggestions on how to develop or improve these causes/effects.

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12. Does the essay use a casual chain? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, are the links in the chain clear? Explain.

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13. What pattern of organization is used in this essay? ____________________________

Is it effective? Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, how could it be improved?

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14. Is the essay clear and coherent? If not, what suggestions can you offer to improve coherence?

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15. What is the best part of this essay?

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16. What part of the essay needs the most attention in the next draft?

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