**Essay Writer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Peer Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Peer Review for Argumentative Essays**

**Directions:** Use complete sentences for your responses and refer frequently to the essay.

1. Underline or highlight the writer’s overall claim or thesis statement and discuss its effectiveness.
2. How does the introduction get the reader interested in the problem being presented?
3. What are the writer’s points in support of the main claim? After listing them, circle or highlight the one you find most convincing and briefly explain why.
4. d.
5. e.
6. f.
7. What counterarguments does the writer address? If you don’t spot any, suggest at least one possible objection to the writer’s position. (Be specific.)
8. What concessions (if any) does the writer make? If you don’t spot any, suggest at least one point the writer might want to qualify or concede. (Be specific.)
9. What makes the writer’s line of reasoning clear? If it’s not, what logical fallacies hurt the argument and explain why? Be specific.
10. Describe one of your experiences with this subject that the writer might find interesting or relevant.

a.

b.

c.

1. How does the conclusion effectively close the argument?
2. List the sources that are used in the essay, and circle the direct quotations or references used from each source. Which supporting reference seems most effective and credible **and** which least?

a. d.

b. e.

c. f.

1. As you review the essay, carefully check the format of quotations and other references to outside sources. Give an example of one that seems incorrect. This is very important.
2. Does every source listed above (see question 9) appear on the Works Cited page? Are those entries arranged in alphabetical order on a separate page? If not, make a note.
3. List 3 strong points about the essay and explain your reasons.
4. List 3 ways to improve this essay and tell why.