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Peer Editing Feedback Form (CAUSE & EFFECT)

INTRODUCTION

Does the intro begin with a hook of some kind? Is it effective? If not, how can it be improved?

Is there a thesis statement in the introduction that clearly identifies this as a Cause and/or Effect essay?

What is the thesis?

Is it a simple thesis (one-part)?

If it's a multi-part thesis, how many parts does it have?

Is it clearly worded?

Can you suggest any improvements to it?

Are there any other lines in the intro that also sound like possible thesis statements? If so, which are they so the writer can remove them?

Does the writer avoid 'announcing'? This means he/she does not say anything like, "This essay will be about..." or "I am going to write a narrative essay about..."

Make an outline of how this paper seems to be arranged. Some possible examples:

Intro w/thesis/ Cause/ Cause/ Cause/ Conclusion or

Intro w/thesis/ Effect/ Effect/ Effect/ Conclusion or

Intro w/thesis/ Cause/ Cause/ Effect/ Conclusion

Other:

BODY PARAGRAPHS

If a 2 or 3-part thesis was used, is there a body paragraph that directly supports and explains each one (and does nothing else but that)? If no, which ones need to be revised/re-focused?

If the body paragraphs do match the 2/3-part thesis, do they come in the same order as the parts of the thesis?

If a simple thesis was used, do the body paragraphs arranged such that the process is explained in clear, chronological order?

Does any information seem to be missing that would help the reader understand the cause/effects? What would help?

CONCLUSION

Does the conclusion restate the thesis but avoid doing so with the same words used in the introduction?

Does the conclusion use some sort of conclusion strategy you can identify?

Does the writer avoid lines like, “And that’s my essay,” or “I hope you enjoyed my story”?

OVERALL

What are the main strengths of this essay?

If this essay were yours, what improvement would you try to make?