

Peer Review Day!

Wow, we are almost done! Keep working hard on your final research paper. You're almost there! Today we are going to be doing peer review. Often, as an undergraduate and graduate student, I found peer review to be very helpful. Whether organized in class days or outside of class amongst friends and/or colleagues having a fresh pair of eyes take a look at your work gives you a new perspective on your writing.

Get into groups of three. Exchange papers with each other and spend time reading them. When you finish the first rotation of papers, switch to the ones that you have not read yet. As you read, consider some of the following concerns:

- Are ideas fully developed?
- Can undertold ideas be expanded upon? How?
- Are appropriate transitions between ideas used?
- What questions do you have for the essay writer as you examine their work?
- Do you have any hesitations?
- Is any important information left out?
- Do any portions of the essay seem irrelevant or out of place?
- Are there any portions of the text where ideas or cultural norms clash with each other?
- Is there proper MLA documentation?
- Are important details like page numbers, indentations, and spacing done correctly? Does the paper conform to the expectations stated on the final paper handout?
- Anything else you can think of?