

## Peer Review Worksheet

Peer reviews are an opportunity to: a) have a more involved discussion with other students, b) receive feedback in a casual setting.

To prepare for a peer review session, read over your peers' papers before meeting, keeping in mind the questions listed below. You may want to jot down some notes.

During the peer review session, go over each paper as a group, taking ~7 minutes per paper. Start off by going over the questions listed below. Feel free to let the conversation lead elsewhere. But make sure everyone gets the opportunity to receive feedback. The ultimate goal: get a sense of the different ways each of you approached the assignment, and come to your own understanding of how you would approach the assignment differently (or not) if you were to re-do it.

(Keep in mind that these are the sorts of questions that are generally relevant to a philosophy writing assignment, but might not be the best fit for every assignment. If you think that some question is not really applicable for this assignment, you can include that in your discussion. Part of what you should be trying to do: come to an understanding of what makes this kind of paper better/worse.)

### Questions you should answer/be thinking about as you read each other's papers:

**1. Organization.** Is the paper, as a whole, well-organized? Do you know how various parts are supposed to fit together? Are there any jarring transitions? Any parts that seem out of place?

**2. Paragraph-level clarity + Sentence Construction.** Are there any paragraphs that are hard to follow? Any part of the paper where things move too fast? Any awkwardly-constructed or difficult-to-parse sentences?

**3. Terminology and word choice.** Any key terms or words that weren't properly explained, or were used in an idiosyncratic way?

**4. Accuracy.** Did the paper misrepresent an idea or issue?

**5. Argumentation.** Were any argumentative moves insufficiently supported? Were there any dangling, unaddressed issues/objections?

**6. Non-Book-Reporty.** Does the paper rely too heavily on quotations? Does it read like a book report?

**7. Readability.** Is the paper fun to read? Does it connect up with everyday concerns?

**8. Significance.** Do you feel like this paper made you understand a complex issue better? Did it help you see the underlying philosophical issue in a new way?