Modern European History

Exploration Essay Outline Peer Editing Rubric

Essay Outline Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Essay Outline Peer Editor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Read your peer’s thesis statement and give feedback on each of the following elements:**

Does the thesis actually answer the question as asked?

Does the thesis statement take a position that others might challenge or oppose?

If the thesis simply states facts that no one would, or even could, disagree with, it’s possible that it is simply a summary, rather than an argument.

Is the thesis statement broad enough?

Thesis statements that are too specific often do not have a strong argument because it is difficult to add supporting details.

**Now read through your peer’s essay outline and highlight and number each of the following to ensure that each element is actually there, adding comments as necessary:**

Introduction

1. includes additional lead-in information

2. includes enumerated thesis that restates question w/3 arguments

Argument paragraph #1

3. clearly identifies argument

4. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

5. evidence #2

accurately supports argument

Argument paragraph #2

6. clearly identifies argument

7. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

8. evidence #2

accurately supports argument

Argument paragraph #3

9. clearly identifies argument

10. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

11. evidence #2

accurately supports argument