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?

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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.

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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.

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**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

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

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Argument paragraph #1

3. clearly identifies argument

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4. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

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5. evidence #2

accurately supports argument

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Argument paragraph #2

6. clearly identifies argument

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7. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

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8. evidence #2

accurately supports argument

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Argument paragraph #3

9. clearly identifies argument

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10. evidence #1

accurately supports argument

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11. evidence #2

accurately supports argument

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