

Reviewer name(s):

Writer:

### **Peer Review Form: Researched Argument**

Please read through your partner's essay completely before filling this form out. As you read, mark your partner's essay with questions, comments, ideas, corrections, etc. Afterwards, please fill out the below form. Don't just answer "yes" or "no"; explain why/ how the writer does or does not address each point, citing specific pages or paragraphs of the draft. If there is not enough information in the essay to complete a part of the form, let the writer know so that he/ she can make appropriate edits and additions. This form will be returned to the writer with the marked draft.

#### **Intro/ Primary Claim**

Does the opening get your attention?

What is the issue being discussed in the essay?

Whom does the issue affect? Is the issue contestable/ controversial?

What is the writer's stance on the issue?

Consider the thesis/ primary claim. Does it accurately reflect the content and structure of the essay? Is it clearly/ succinctly stated and straightforward? (claim + support or "because" clause)

#### **Background**

Is there enough background information for you to understand the issue clearly? If not, what would be more helpful to know?

#### **Arguments and Counterarguments; Rhetorical Strategies**

What sub-claims/ support points does the writer provide for his/ her thesis?

What kind of evidence does the writer use to back up each sub-claim? Is the evidence sufficient? If not, where does the writer need more explanation/ development?

How/ where is the writer using logos? Is it used effectively? Are there any fallacies, faulty reasoning, or flaws in logic?

Are quotes/ paraphrases properly integrated and cited?

Does the writer establish ethos? How does he or she build credibility?

How does the writer take the audience into consideration? Is the tone respectful; is it assertive/ confident without being overly aggressive? Is the voice academic enough?

What counter-arguments are addressed in the essay?

How does the writer rebut these arguments? Is the rebuttal sufficient?

Can you find examples of pathos? Is it used appropriately (rather than as a means to distract from the real issues of the debate)?

**Unity/ Coherence/ Clarity**

Are the points logically organized/ ordered (similar ideas grouped together)?

Does the writer transition smoothly between ideas?

Does the essay stay focused on its claim (no digressions)?

Are there any areas where the writer can trim wordiness or cut unnecessary information? (Mark in text)

**General Reactions**

What do you find confusing or underdeveloped about the essay?

What do you find most compelling or convincing about the essay?