

Peer Revision, Essay One

Your Name:

Author's Name:

Introduction: *What is peer revision? Well, it's NOT editing; that is, your goal is NOT to "correct" the papers you read. Instead, you want to COMMENT on these papers. And what does *that* mean? Well, let's walk you through the process.*

Step One: Proofread

Read the paper looking **only** typographical errors or other obvious errors of grammar and spelling. Do not correct these; instead, circle all errors so that the author can identify and correct them him or herself.

Step Two: Question

Read through the paper again. This time, you will want to put one question next to every paragraph in the margin. These questions can fall into a few categories:

- **Questions of Clarification and Explanation**

Examples:

I didn't understand your point about Pratt... could you give a better example?
So are you saying that she's stuck in the contact zone herself?

- **Questions of Form and Flow**

Examples:

What are you trying to do with this quotation? I'm not sure why it's here.
How does this paragraph relate to your argument?
Could you expand on this point? I think it really supports your argument.

- **Questions of Correctness**

Examples:

Are you sure that's what Pratt means by that term?
Shouldn't this paragraph have a clearer topic sentence?

Step Three: Comment

Read the paper one last time. In this reading, comment on strong points in the margins. Then, at the end of the paper, write a 3-4 sentence end comment, with suggestions on the next steps needed to make this paper stronger.