

Assertion, Support, Explication Peer Review

Directions:

1. Exchange papers with a classmate.
2. Choose one body paragraph from your classmate's paper to focus on for this activity.
3. Use the paragraph you select to answer the following questions.

Questions:

1. What assertion does the paragraph make? Copy or summarize the assertion in the space below.
2. Locate the paper's thesis (it should be the final sentence of the introduction). Does the assertion in the body paragraph you selected seem to support the thesis? Why or why not?
3. What support does the paragraph provide for the assertion? Copy or summarize the support in the space below.
4. Does the paragraph contain sufficient explication of the support? Why or why not?
5. If the writer wanted to add more support to the paragraph, what type of support would be most useful? For example, should the writer consider adding a quote, an example, etc.? Explain your choice.
6. Does the paragraph end with a transition sentence? If yes, what do you expect the next paragraph to be about based on the transition? If not, what ideas or information could be included in a transition sentence if the writer wanted to add one (Note: you may have to look at the paragraph that follows to determine what a transition sentence could cover)?
7. Is there any information in this sentence that seems out of place or like it might fit better elsewhere in the paper? If so, list that information below.