PEER REVIEW RESPONSE SHEET
ESSAY ___________

Writer’s Name:______________________________
Reviewer’s Name:____________________________

Directions: Your purpose in answering these questions is to provide an honest and helpful response to your partner’s draft and to suggest ways to make his/her writing better. Number the paragraphs before you begin reading. Be sure to read the entire paper carefully before writing any responses. Be as specific as possible, referring to particular parts of the paper in your answers. Leave time to orally discuss your written comments with your partner.

A: Introductory paragraph:
   1. Did it capture your attention? EXPLAIN WHY it captured your attention.
   
   2. Does it go from general to specific? Does it give you an idea of what the whole paper is going to be about?
   
   3. Write what you think the thesis of the paper is.
   
   4. If the thesis is weak, how can it be rewritten or clarified to improve the way it ties the paper together?

B. Body paragraphs:
   1. How many support paragraphs are there?
   
   2. Does each paragraph answer the question: “How does the information in this paragraph relate to the thesis statement?” Specify here or on the paper which paragraphs are weak or strong. Explain if there are any paragraphs that are confusing and unrelated to the thesis.
   
   3. Are the support paragraphs organized in order of importance: from the strongest to good support of the thesis. Should there be some re-organizing among the support paragraphs?

C. Conclusion:
   1. Does the last paragraph highlight the main points of the essay?
   
   2. Does it contain a final comment, prediction, advice about the topic?
   
   3. Does it begin specifically and end in general terms?

D. Final Comments: On the back of this page, write a short letter to your partner explaining how his/her essay can be improved. BE VERY SPECIFIC and explain why you think these changes will help readers. Begin your letter with your partner’s name and sign your own name.