



Works in Progress Response Form

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Essay author: _____

Reader: _____

Essay title: _____

Professor: _____ Course: _____

1. Read the draft once, underlining the thesis and marking + and – signs in the margins where the draft works or doesn't work for you. Immediately after reading the draft, write a few sentences here, describing what you think the writer is trying to say.

2. Read the draft again, this time writing questions in the margins next to the text. Communicate to the writer where you are confused. Comment on places where you feel the writer has made a particularly good point. When you have completed this part, respond to these questions:

What is your overall impression of the writer's essay?

What are the essay's main ideas?

What are the essay's weaknesses?

What are the essay's strengths?
