

**English 1A**  
**Essay 2, First Draft**

**PEER EDITING**

Goals for First Draft:

- Create an effective thesis statement
- Develop an argument
- Use topic sentences to introduce your paragraph
- Incorporate evidence
  - Sources:
    - 2 quotes from book essays (**required**)
    - summaries
    - description of images (artwork & television show or movie)
    - analysis of images (artwork & television show or movie)
    - social values (yours & theirs)
    - social issues (yours & theirs)
    - using emotion in an academic voice
  - Introducing quotes
    - include the author and title when first introducing a source
    - use an introductory phrase that smoothly incorporates the quote
  - Using MLA citation

**Reader:** *Put your name and e-mail address at the top of your partner's paper.* Read through your partner's draft silently. After you have read the draft once, go back through it and follow the below directions. (This draft with peer comments will be turned in with the final draft.)

1. Re-write the thesis statement in your own words. (If you do not understand the sentence or the argument, discuss it with your partner and try to come up with a clear thesis statement that is an argument.)
2. Circle the synopsis or description of the major artwork or television show; is there enough information given? If not, write suggestions for improving
3. In the essay, underline where you see an interesting argument being made. Is this argument pursued further by the writer? If it isn't and you think it should be, indicate that in a few words on the draft.
4. Mark a star next to each piece of evidence. At the bottom of the last page (or on the back of the page), list each piece of evidence used.
5. Does the evidence expand or improve the argument? On the draft, briefly write if the evidence is used to offer another piece of the puzzle of the argument and explain why or why not. (You can use words or lists to explain your point here.)
6. Circle any broad generalizations that are either common knowledge or based on stereotypes.
7. Are the quotations introduced with author and title? Are they introduced smoothly into the writing?
8. Are the quotations cited using MLA in-text citation techniques?
9. Is the Works Cited properly formatted?
10. Does the essay have a title? Does it say anything interesting about the essay? (If not, discuss with your partner.)