Peer Revising (Group Discussion) Form: RESEARCH PAPER

Group Members’ Names:

A) Trade papers. You probably won’t have time to read all the essays word for word because they are so long, but taking turns, **SKIM** each essay **OUT LOUD.** (Read the thesis and topic sentences.) The other members must listen but should NOT follow along on the printed copy. Focus on IDEAS and ORGANIZATION, not grammar, today.

B) Begin group discussion with the following questions. Make notes on the essay as necessary.

1. Is the essay at least eight paragraphs (an intro, six body paragraphs, and a conclusion)? □ Yes □ No

2. Does the essay include an introduction that gives the author, title, and genre? □ Yes □ No
   Does the introduction get readers interested? □ Yes □ No What is the “hook”?

3. Does everyone agree upon what the point of the paper is? Is that point clearly stated in the thesis? □ Yes □ No
   Does it make a claim that requires support, not just state a fact? □ Yes □ No If not, help the writer revise it.

4. Does the essay AVOID extensive plot summary and character identification, providing those only as needed throughout the body paragraphs? □ Yes □ No If not, suggest words and sentences to cut or move elsewhere by marking them with cross-outs or arrows on the essay.

5. Is the paper easy to follow? Is it organized logically as suggested by the thesis statement? □ Yes □ No

6. Does the essay have seven to ten body paragraphs, each **beginning** with a topic sentence that makes a clear, distinct (not repetitive) point in support of the thesis statement? □ Yes □ No

7. Does each body paragraph include at least one specific example to support its topic sentence? □ Yes □ No

8. Are examples not just presented but **explained** to show clearly how they support the thesis? □ Yes □ No
   What points and explanations could be clearer?

9. Does each body paragraph include at least one quote from the primary source? □ Yes □ No, missing from paragraph(s) #________ Does the essay include at least quotes from 4+ **expert** secondary sources? □ Yes □ No
   Is every quote copied exactly, put in quotation marks, and followed by a properly formatted parenthetical citation? □ Yes □ No (correct the errors) □ Not proper MLA format (correct the errors)

10. What is one important idea that you think the author could or should add?

11. Does the essay include a conclusion that looks at the big picture? □ Yes □ No

12. Does the essay include a properly formatted works cited page? □ Yes □ No □ Not proper MLA format
   Does the works cited page include at least FIVE sources that are ACTUALLY USED in the essay? □ Yes □ No
   Does the works cited page include the novel or play itself? □ Yes □ No