Peer Review Response Questions—Short Paper 1

Answer the following questions using examples from the paper you review:

1. What is the writer’s thesis?

2. What claims does the writer need to address to demonstrate the thesis?

3. Does the writer address each of these claims? Show evidence.

4. What are the writer’s main points?

5. Does the writer arrange these points logically? What kind of order does the writer use?
6. Do the writer’s points build on one another and continue to support the thesis? If so, how?

7. Does the essay have an introduction, body, and conclusion, or are some elements missing or abbreviated?

8. Does the introduction interest you as a reader? Does it give you a sense of what the essay is about?

9. Does the conclusion reinforce the writer’s thesis and main points?

10. Does the writer include enough evidence for each point? Does the writer explain each example/piece of evidence given?

11. Does the writer integrate quotations smoothly into the argument, or are the quotations just in the essay without any real connection to the other sentences?
12. Does the writer use present tense throughout the paper?

13. Does the writer maintain a consistent (and fairly formal) tone?

14. Does the writer create coherence by repeating key words, inserting transitions between points, and using parallelism?

15. Does the writer repeat some ideas too frequently without making a new point?

16. Does the writer need to correct any word usage or word choice?

17. How accurate are the writer’s mechanics (spelling, punctuation, grammar)? Does the writer use passive voice or unqualified “this” frequently?