Peer Review One

Directions: Read through these questions, then read the assigned rough drafts from your peers. Once you’ve done that, answer the questions below.

Your primary aim should be to help the author with the content of the paper—and not to simply edit the work.

Does this paper have a thesis? If it does, please restate that thesis in your own words.

Does this paper have multiple paragraphs to make the major points? If it does not, use the comment feature to mark up the paper with suggestions for places for paragraph breaks.

Does each paragraph after the introduction have a topic sentence (that is, a sentence that tells the reader what’s coming in the paragraph)? In a comment next to each paragraph, write the main topic of the paragraph in 2-3 words.

Do the paragraphs make sense in this order? If they do, explain why. If they don’t explain what would help you as a reader understand the order of the ideas.

Does this paper include at least one instance of direct evidence from the readings to support the claims of the paper? If it doesn’t, make a suggestion for what might be useful. If it does, explain whether or not the ideas logically flow from that evidence.

On the back of this sheet, write a 3-5 sentence response to the overall argument of this paper. Do you agree or disagree? Explain why or why not.