Directions: Read through these questions, then read the assigned rough draft from your peer. 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.

What is the primary thesis of this paper?

Does this thesis fulfill the prompt of this paper? If it does not, comment below on how this author might refocus.

The following tasks ask you to primarily comment on the paper itself using the comment feature of Google Docs. Phase note: You’re going to comment on the same document as someone else. Take a look at their comments – and if you disagree with what they say, explain why you disagree. If there’s a point that the other commenter makes that you think is particularly significant, you can also add a comment to reinforce it.

Consider the quality of the topic sentences. Does each body paragraph have one? Mark one particularly effective topic sentence on the paper. Then mark one that isn’t particularly effective and comment below about how it might be improved.

Consider the quality of the transitions from paragraph to paragraph. Do the paragraphs make sense in this order? Do the paragraphs have clear transitional phrases or words? Comment below on what you would like to see improved in the transitions.

How does this paper deal with direct evidence? Mark positively any place that the author does a good job integrating the quotation onto his or her own words; mark places where the author needs to integrate quotations better -- and include suggestions as to how he or she might do that. Finally, use part of the back of this sheet to make suggestions for additional quotations or ideas that would help the author support the thesis of this paper.

And as a last task, on the back of this sheet (or on the back of the last page of the paper), write 3-5 sentences responding to this argument. Do you think that this argument is valid? Are there any major points that are unclear or any assertions you disagree with? Explain why.