

Writer's name: _____ Responder's name: _____

Informative Paper Response Sheet

Student Instructions: Informative writing isn't easy to respond to, so use this response sheet as a guide more than a worksheet. Find 4-6 questions from this list that somehow pertain to the essay/report you are responding to. Circle those questions...then provide your response to all of them in one of two places: a] on the draft itself (in the margins or on Post-its®) or b] on a sheet of lined paper that you staple alongside this response sheet to the draft of the paper. Somewhere, you must respond in writing to 4-6 questions that you circle from the list below:

1. Comment/Suggest on why you think this writer wrote about this topic in the way that he/she chose to write about the topic.
2. Is the introduction to this paper interesting enough? Does it grab your attention and make you want to read on what could be a rather dull topic, if not written well? Suggest a way that the writer could make the entire introductory paragraph even **more** interesting.
3. Has the paper been organized into paragraphs? Does each paragraph focus on one specific idea or too many ideas? If the writer needs more paragraphs, mark on the draft where you feel the paragraphs should occur and explain why in as few words as possible to the writer.
4. After reading this paper, why do you think the writer wrote it? Were you ever told in the writing what the purpose of the writing was? Comment/suggest on how the author has indicated his/her purpose in writing.
5. How do you feel about the author's conclusion to this informative paper? Does it sum up all that you should have learned or leave you a little confused? Suggest a way the author can make the conclusion more helpful to the reader.
6. A well-written informative paper includes interesting, well-chosen facts that help build the paper's interest-level. Circle the three most interesting facts in the paper. Do these facts tend to all be located in the same place in the paper? If so, suggest how the author could spread the facts out evenly. Or comment on any facts that might be made more interesting.
7. Are there any points in this paper where you became confused? Mark the confusing points on the draft, and suggest a way to remove the confusion.
8. Highlight two facts in the paper where the author has not mentioned where he/she found the facts. Comment on whether the facts might be better and more believable if they were cited?
9. Comment/Suggest on the paper's strongest moment.
10. Comment/Suggest on (with kindness!) the paper's weakest moment.
11. Other topic I can comment on when responding to this paper (write it below, then circle number 11):