

Editorial Peer Review Questions

Introduction

- Underline the thesis/ main argument.
- Does the thesis clearly state the writer's position on the topic?
- Does it have all of the four parts (topic, argument, subtopics, and what's the point)? List them here.
- Is the introduction the right length for the paper?
- Is there a title and does it fit the paper?

Body Paragraphs

- How many body paragraphs are there?
- Underline each of the topic and concluding sentences.
- Do the topic and concluding sentences relate directly back to the subtopics that were expressed in the thesis?
- Do the body paragraphs deviate from the plan laid out by the thesis either through the addition of other subtopics or the subtraction of existing subtopics?
- Do the body paragraphs contain detailed descriptions that show rather than tell?
- Are there places where the writer ought to use more description?

Conclusion

- Is there a conclusion paragraph?
- Does it restate the thesis with a difference in the first sentence?
- Does the last sentence take the topic out a broader level?
- Is the conclusion the right length?

In General

- Is the paper totally in the right format? If not, what is incorrect?
- Is the paper the right length?
- Does the paper make a convincing argument?
- Does the writer define the terms of her/his argument? (i.e. what qualifies as too much rowdiness, do such events tarnish the reputation of UF etc.)
- Does the writer make clear how her/his opinion is different from and/or similar to that of the other editorial writers?
- Are there some parts of the paper that seem unnecessary?
- Are there some things that the paper ought to have addressed?
- Does the writer follow my essay advice?