

## **Research Paper Introduction and Outline Peer Review Questions**

### **Introduction**

- Underline the thesis/ main argument of the paper.
- What is the topic of the paper? Does the thesis clearly state the writer's position about the topic (i.e. the argument)?
- Does the thesis suggest the overall organization of the paper?
- Is the introduction the right length for the paper?
- Is there a title and does it fit the paper?

### **Outline**

- Do each of the subtopics relate directly back to the argument in the thesis?
- Does the writer use at least one example from his/her sources to support his/her arguments in each of the subtopics?
- Does the writer acknowledge opposing viewpoints in the paper? Are they used effectively?
- Does the writer keep her/his argument in the forefront of the essay or do the arguments of the articles being discussed take over at any point?
- Does the writer address the larger significance of the topic throughout the outline?
- Does the paper make a convincing argument?
- Are there some parts of the paper that seem unnecessary?
- Are there some things that the paper ought to have addressed?