

21W.730

ESSAY 3 WORKSHOP: ADVOCACY ESSAY

SPRING 2010

Writer _____

Reviewer _____

USE BACK OF SHEET, IF NECESSARY

1. Name two or three aspects of the essay that you most appreciate as a reader.

1. Do the title and introduction engage the reader? Can you identify a clear thesis statement (usually placed at the end of the intro)? Do you have suggestions for improving the thesis statement?

2. Has the writer defined a clear advocacy position? Has the author identified and presented the most important arguments supporting his/her position? Do you find the writer's argument(s) persuasive? (Remember: you do not need to agree!)

3. What suggestions do you have for improving the quality of the argument?
(Consider: clarity, style, organization, support of claims with evidence)

4. How well does the writer identify and address counterargument(s)? (Remember that advocacy essays should only address one or two counterarguments.) Suggest ideas for improvement.

5. Mark any sentence-level errors or problems on the essay (e.g. sentence structure, word usage or punctuation problems),

6. How well does the conclusion dynamically summarize the argument or raise broader implications related to the overall argument?

7. Any other suggestions (sources, etc.)?

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