

Essay's Author: _____
Peer Reviewer: _____

Peer Review

Directions: Read your partner's essay. Look for all of the elements of a good essay as outlined on the rubric and on this sheet. Write comments on your partner's essay and answer the following questions. Next to each question, write comments if something could be improved. Then you and your partner will have a conference to share your commentaries.

Introduction – Historical Background

1. Is the background information thorough?
2. Is the background information relevant?
3. Is there a good transition to the thesis?

Introduction – Thesis and Organizational Statement

4. Does the thesis clearly answer the question – does it clearly say either that British rule was good for India or British rule was bad for India?
5. Are the supporting points strong? Are they broad enough to include multiple pieces of evidence but not so broad that they lack cohesion?

Body Paragraphs

6. Do the claims (a) clearly introduce the topic [i.e. supporting point] and (b) connect it to the thesis [i.e. that British rule was good/bad for India]? If not, what is missing; state how to improve the topic sentences?
7. Are there 3 body paragraphs?
8. Data – is the quantity and description of the data thorough? Write down areas where the author needs to provide more facts or description.
9. Data – is the data relevant? Does it clearly connect to the topic of the paragraph? Write down any examples of irrelevant evidence.
10. Data – is it accurate? Note any inaccurate facts that need to be changed.
11. Data – how many documents are used? If less than 8, how many more should be added?

12. Data – does the author state either who the author of the document is or what type of document it is for many of the documents? Write down the numbers of the documents for which the author needs to reference the type of document or author's name.
13. Warrant – does the author clearly and thoroughly explain how the data connects to the thesis? If not, note areas where the author needs to clarify his/her thoughts or expand on the analysis.

Conclusion

14. Does the conclusion stress implications rather than summarize the essay?

Organization, Language, and Formatting

15. Are there transitions between paragraphs? If not, where should they be added?
16. Are there transitions within paragraphs? If not, where should they be added?
17. Note any mistakes in sentence structure, punctuation, and diction – write these comments on the essay itself.
18. Does the essay flow well?
19. Are the documents cited correctly?