**Peer Editing the DA Essay**

**Directions:** Answer the questions below after reading your partner’s essay. You are not limited to the items on this list in terms of editing each other’s essays. This is just a list of criteria you *should* cover.

**Introduction:**

a. How many sentences are in the introduction?

b. Hook/First sentence—on a scale of 1-5 (5 being engaging and unique) rate the quality of the hook.

c. Make a suggestion to improve the hook:

d. Does the author have Central Question/ is it actually written as a question?

e. Does the author contextualize the questions (historically, culturally, personally)?

**Body Paragraphs**

a. How many body paragraphs does the essay have?

b. Paragraphs:

1. Is there a topic sentence for each body paragraph? Yes /No
2. How are the body paragraphs/ideas related? Are there appropriate transitions when needed? Are there clear and related transitions between paragraphs/ideas/sources?
3. Are the sources introduced and contextualized in each body paragraph?
4. Is the credibility and/or credentials of each source clearly explained?
5. Is there direct evidence from each source? Is it correctly cited?
6. If so, is the direct evidence analyzed, explained, and used in a productive way that helps shape the author’s ideas?
7. Make sure the sources are not merely summarized.
8. Are there connections made between the sources?

**Conclusion**

1. Does the conclusion wrap up the essay in an insightful and engaging way? Yes/ No
2. Does the author provide an answer to their question in light of the evidence and sources they used?
3. How many paragraphs is the conclusion? Do they fit together organically and refer to the source material in relation to the author’s final answer?
4. Make a suggestion for improving the conclusion.

**Work Cited Page**

Keep in mind what I will immediately notice:

-Does "Works Cited" appear at the top of the page?  
-Are your sources listed alphabetically with no numbering or bulleting?  
-Are your citations spaced correctly (EVERYTHING double spaced with no extra spacing)?  
-Are your citations indented correctly?  
-Do you include the medium of publication in the correct spot for every citation?  
-Do you put a period at the end of every citation?  
-Do you capitalize and punctuate titles correctly?  
-If you put n.p. for no publisher, know that I am going to go looking myself. If I find it, then you didn't look hard enough!