

Perspectives on the Evolution of Structures

Writing Assignment #2 (peer editing)

Assignment: Your task today is to do two things:

1. Read carefully and provide written comments on a selection of your classmates' draft essays.
2. Receive with an open mind the comments of classmates that have read your draft essay.

Guidance: In reading your classmates' draft essays, look specifically for the following things:

1. A specific, clearly worded and strong thesis statement.
2. At least one paragraph each supporting the thesis statement with Social, Scientific, and Symbolic arguments.
3. A photograph or other clear image of the structure and specific reference made in the text to the photo.
4. A clear, concise, summarizing conclusion

Also help your classmates clean up their essays by paying attention to grammar, punctuation, and formatting.

Details: Do the peer editing exercise in the following steps

1. Hand in one copy of your draft essay
2. Organize yourselves into groups of 3
3. Pass around copies of your essays within your groups. You should have three essays in front of you, your own and two from the others in your group.
4. Read the other two essays carefully, and write comments to the author within and at the end of the essay.
5. Spend a few minutes discussing each of the essays, with the goal of helping the author improve his or her essay for final submission.
6. Before leaving, make at least 1-2 sentences of notes on how your peers' comments have helped either your thinking or writing about your structure.