Template for Evaluating Peer Reviews

A set of Peer Reviews will earn a mark of "4" if each Peer Review:

- o Reveals an appropriate breadth of evaluation and number of critical topics (in most cases, given the number of available topics for consideration, a minimum of three pages of thorough analysis);

- o Reveals that the Peer Reviewer has consulted the handout listing topics for consideration within the Peer Review;

- o Provides clear and specific claims for improving the subsequent IR draft;

- o Includes textual evidence drawn from the PR draft as support of each of the critical claims;

- o Provides MLA parenthetical citations for all outside text, especially quotations from the PR draft being discussed;

- o Offers either a specific suggestion or clarification questions to accompany each suggestion for improvement;

- o Acknowledges both strengths and opportunities for improvement within the PR draft; and

- o Offers suggestions in a positive, supportive tone designed to persuade the recipient to make changes that are likely to improve the IR draft.

Scores lower than "4" tend to result from failure to achieve one or more of these guidelines or from a set of Peer Reviews of unequal quality. Please see me if you have any questions about the assessment of your Peer Reviews.