

# Criteria for Evaluating Peer Reviews

A Peer Review will earn a mark of “4” if the Peer Review:

- Includes all the required parts of both a letter and an analytical/persuasive essay;
- Reveals an appropriate number of critical topics and breadth of evaluation;
- Reveals that the Peer Reviewer has consulted the handout listing topics for consideration within the Peer Review;
- Provides clear and specific claims in the body ¶TSs for improving the subsequent Instructor Review (IR) draft;
- Includes textual evidence drawn from the PR draft as support of each of the critical claims;
- Offers clear reasoning to support each suggestion or critical observation;
- Provides MLA parenthetical citations for all outside text, especially quotations from the PR draft being discussed;
- Offers either a specific revision option (presented in quotation marks) or clarification question to accompany each suggestion for improvement;
- Acknowledges both strengths and opportunities for improvement within the PR draft; and
- 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” will result from failure to achieve one or more of these requirements. Please see me if you have any questions about the assessment of your Peer Reviews.

## Peer Review Conversion Scale

Peer Review marks will be converted for inclusion in the electronic grade book:

- 4 = 95
- 3 = 85
- 2 = 75
- 1 = 65

Please note that the scale allows for marks higher than 4 and lower than 1. Also, fractional values may be assigned.