NOTE: Use your own paper to answer the questions below AFTER you have read the draft twice. Be sure to put your name on your critique as the critiquer and return it to the author. Answers that are shorter than the questions below, such as yes or no answers, will only earn an “F” for you on your critique grade. Write as much as you can, as legibly as you can, in the time allotted for the critiques.

Writers: Be sure to return these critiques as part of your process when you turn in your essay.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 2 QUESTIONS AFTER YOU READ THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OR TWO OF THE PAPER.

1. Does the first paragraph grab your attention? If not, explain why not. If so, explain why. Tell them what would grab your attention even more.

2. Is there a clear thesis which lets you know where the paper is headed? If not, explain why and give suggestions. If yes, explain why and try to make it even better.

FOR QUESTIONS 3 & 4, YOU MUST ADDRESS EACH BODY PARAGRAPH.

3. Do the body paragraphs support and develop the thesis? If not, explain why and help them make it better. If so, explain how and why.

4. Is each body paragraph developed enough? Point out any that are too short or underdeveloped so that the writer can know how to make them better. Give suggestions for any paragraph that doesn’t seem just right.

FOR QUESTIONS 5 & 6, BE SURE TO RE-READ THE CONCLUSION.

5. Does the conclusion reiterate the thesis, not re-state it word for word? If not, explain how they could re-phrase it. If yes, explain why.

6. Does the conclusion wrap up the essay and end on a satisfying note? If not, explain why and give suggestions. If so, explain why.

7. Make any final comments or suggestions for the student.