English 1

Autobiographical Incident Essay—Peer Evaluation

Author: _____ Peer Reviewer: _____

Directions: Answer these questions carefully and completely about your partner's essay. Your goal here is to be helpful so be honest about the strengths and weaknesses of the paper. You are not doing anybody any favors by telling them their essay is perfect as it is—there's always something that can be improved upon. Feel free to make notes on their papers as well.

1. What part of the essay is the most memorable or attention grabbing? Why are these parts successful in getting and keeping your attention?

2. What specific memory is the author writing about? What exactly happens? In what paragraph(s) do you learn this information?

3. Does the essay have an interesting beginning and a clear conclusion? Why/why not?

4. List three examples of sensory details, simile/metaphor/personification, etc. that you see in this essay:

    1.

    2.

    3.

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5. Where should the author add more sensory details, etc. to the essay? Any suggestions of what senses/images to use?

6. Does the author use dialogue in his/her essay? Should s/he use more? If so, where?

7. Does the author *reflect* on why this event is significant or meaningful and how it has shaped his/her sense of self? What does s/he say?

8. Does the essay flow well from one part to the next? Is it well organized? Are there any words misspelled or any grammatical errors that you noticed? (List below and circle/correct on draft).

9. Any other questions or comments you have for the author? What do you want to know more about?

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