

Mod. 3 | Peer Review of Reporting on the Conversation (Peer Review - 2 Due Dates)

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Apr 3, 2023 at 12:11 PM

You will notice that **this discussion board is set up with two due dates**: one for posting your draft and one for responding to your peers. This is because your peer responses to this discussion board are expected to be longer and more detailed than is required in most our other discussion boards. Therefore, you are being given extra time to focus on these peer responses and make them as detailed and robust as possible.

Step 1: First Due Date **April 7 by 11:59 PM**

For this discussion board, you should attach a draft of your report as a reply to this discussion board. Please type a 2-3 sentence description of your research question, your specific audience for the report, and your purpose for informing that audience, and then attach your draft as a Microsoft Word doc or docx file or PDF. (If you decided to create your Informative Report on a platform such as Wix.com or Wordpress.com, you can copy/paste a link to your site rather than attach a file.) This draft should be at least 800 words.

- Please note that **you are not copying/pasting your draft into the discussion board reply**. Instead, you are typing a brief description of your report (see above) and attaching a file.
- For instructions on how to attach a file to a discussion board on Canvas, see the [Canvas Community Page](#).

The draft you post to this discussion board should:

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The draft you post to this discussion board should:

- Be an expanded version of the draft you submitted for instructor feedback. (Remember, you submitted a draft of at least 400 words for instructor feedback, so you should use the feedback you received to help you create this second draft of at least 800 words.)
- Be addressed to a specific audience and have a clear, supported informative stance.
- Include visual components and hyperlinks.

Step 2: Second Due Date: **April 9 by 11:59 PM**

After you submit your draft to this discussion board, you are going to give peer review feedback to **at least 1 of your peers by the second due date**.

Extra credit: If you respond to a second person BY THE DUE DATE, I will give you 10 additional points to use where you like.

Since the purpose of this discussion board is for everyone to receive feedback, please first respond to people on the discussion board who do not yet have peer feedback. Part of your peer review grade includes carefully selecting classmates with very little feedback, so that everyone gets feedback.

To respond to a peer, follow these steps:

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To respond to a peer, follow these steps:

- Open your peer's draft by clicking on the file they attached (or the link to their digital site).
- Open a separate Word document and respond to the following 7 questions/prompts, typing your responses on the Word document. Your responses should be detailed and in complete sentences. You should number your responses 1-7, but you do not need to include the questions/prompts in your response. Be sure to save your work as you go.
- After you have finished responding to the 7 questions below, save your responses and then click "reply" to your peer's discussion board. Attach your peer review feedback as a Microsoft Word doc or docx file.

Peer review feedback questions:

1. Your peer should have included a 2-3 sentence description of their project on the discussion board (along with a link to their draft). Does the report match your peer's description of their rhetorical purpose? For example, is the explanation appropriate to their audience? Does the information within the report all work together for that purpose? If it does, explain why and where you see that in the draft. If it does not, explain why.
2. Does the report provide the sufficient background information/context that is needed for this particular audience to understand the ideas presented? Do you think that there are

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2. Does the report provide the sufficient background information/context that is needed for this particular audience to understand the ideas presented? Do you think that there are any areas of the report that are confusing, vague, repetitive, etc? Make at least one comment, and make sure to reference at least one specific part of their draft so that they can improve that section or use it as a model for other sections.
3. Do you think your peer's explanation of the topic is organized well? If they use sections, do the sections help you understand the report?
 - Include at least one comment that helps your peer understand how they can improve the organization of their report. Be sure to reference at least one specific part of their draft so that they can fix that portion, or so that they can use that portion as a model for other parts of the report.
4. Does the report use multiple sources to support their explanation? Remember that at least 7 sources should be used. If so, identify at least 2 areas where this is done particularly well and explain what works well.
 - Or, if the report does not incorporate multiple sources or you think this could be strengthened, identify at least one area where this could be integrated into the report.
5. Does the report *synthesize* sources well? In other words, are the sources blended together smoothly, so that the author can make a clear point? Is the report organized around major ideas rather than presenting a list of source summaries?
6. Does the report include hyperlinks? If so, identify at least 2 hyperlinks and comment on how effective these are for the particular audience and persuasive stance. Specifically, do these hyperlinks add relevant information/support point the

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 - 1. If the draft does not include hyperlinks or you think this could be strengthened, identify at least 2 places where you think a hyperlink would enhance the persuasiveness of the report. Clearly, state where you think the hyperlink should go and why you think this would strengthen the report.
- 7. Does the report include visual components such as photos, images, graphs, etc.? If so, identify at least 2 visuals and comment on how effective these are for the particular audience and persuasive stance. Specifically, do these visuals make the writer more credible, include relevant information, make the report more interesting/appealing, or otherwise add to the informative nature of the report? Be specific.
 - If the draft does not include visual components or you think this could be strengthened, identify at least 2 places where a visual component would enhance the informative nature of the report. Clearly state where you think the visual should go and why you think this would strengthen the report.

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