Writer’s conference: Instructions to peer

*When sending your writing sample to your peer and teacher, highlight (e.g. in yellow) the following features of academic writing on which you want us to focus.*

**1. Cohesion and text flow**

a. sentence length, complexity and variety

b. connection between sentences (familiar before new, clear connection)

c. logic builds nicely and without gaps (thesis statement, explanation, evidence, examples)

d. criteria of a good paragraph consistently used ( i.e. contains more than one

sentence, is unified, employs formal structure, and applies logical progression)

e. transitions between sentences and paragraphs create cohesion in the writing

**2. Citation strategies and stance**

a. recognizing whose voice: yours vs others (summarizing and paraphrasing citation

techniques)

b. expressions of stance (hedging and type of reporting verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs)

**3. Stylistic characteristics**

a. conciseness and explicitness: neither too wordy and complex nor too short and abrupt

b. word choice: use of abbreviations, specialized words and jargon

c. language register (formal vs. informal)

4. Other

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