Peer Review: **Comparison - Contrast**

Write your answers on this sheet. Also, mark the essay where appropriate.

**Writer’s name:** ____________(Writer: please underline your thesis and topic sentences)

**Editor’s name:** ______________

1. Does the essay have an attention-getter in the introduction? Is it effective?

2. Does the introduction narrow to the main idea (thesis)? Is the thesis stated clearly as one sentence that contains a claim?

3. Does the essay have an engaging title that makes you want to read it? Does the title help you understand the main idea?

4. Does the essay use a point-by-point or blocking pattern? If so, which one.

5. Identify passages where the language is too vague and needs more concrete and specific language. The body paragraphs especially should be **full of specific details and examples**.

6. Identify passages lacking in sentence variety.

7. Is the essay organized clearly? Are there enough **transitions between sentences and paragraphs so it reads smoothly**? Identify places lacking transitions.

8. Check each body paragraph’s topic sentence. Does it describe the main idea of the paragraph? In other words, are all the sentences in the paragraph directly relevant to it? Mark any that aren’t relevant.

9. Does the conclusion provide a sense of closure while reiterating the thesis?

10. Mark any errors of grammar, punctuation, and mechanics. Hunt especially for comma splices, run-on sentences, fragments, and apostrophe errors.