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Author of Paper:

Part 1: Evaluating Argument

What is the thesis of this paper?

What are the writer's main supporting arguments?

What are the weaknesses of the argument?

Does the author use primary sources to make their argument?

Is the use of sources effective?

What can you suggest about strengthening the argument?

Part Two: Evaluating Organization

How well does the essay flow from beginning to end?

Where does the organization not make sense or lose its flow?

What can the writer do to fix any problems with organization?

Are there effective transitions **between** paragraphs?

Does each paragraph focus on one main point?

Are there paragraphs where the point is not clear, or where 2-3 unrelated points are raised?

Are topic sentences effective at connecting each paragraph to the argument of the paper?

Does the order of ideas within paragraphs make sense?

What can the writer do to fix any problems?

Part Three: Evaluating Writing

Does the author have any particular "bad habits" to improve in their prose?

Does the prose flow smoothly?

Are there places where the writing was unclear?

Part Four: Summary Comments