English 1B Spring 2017 **Peer Review Worksheet: Research Project**

Writer:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the **thesis**? (Remember that it should be an **arguable statement, a claim with reasons**.) Mark it on both drafts with a star.

2. What is your **audience**? **Forum**? (Be as specific as possible.)

3. What in particular do you want the reviewer to check?
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For the reviewer: Write answers on the back of this sheet if necessary.

1. Is there a “hook” in the **TITLE** and/or **INTRODUCTION** (ideally the first line) that will draw in the target reader(s)? Hint: giving them your name is not the best opener if it is elsewhere on the proposal, e.g. in letter or email format. They will have already glanced at the signature or the envelope to see that.

2. Does the **opening section** (not necessarily the first paragraph) contain an adequate overview of the topic for its target audience? \_\_\_\_ Does the opening orient the reader toward the issue in its current context (**kairos**)? \_\_\_\_ Does it look like the writer has focused the topic narrowly enough to deal with it adequately in 5 pages or so (aim for 1400 words for the rough draft, 1500 for the final draft + memo)?

3. Is this a **proposal** to a specific audience (1 person or a small group)**,** not just a collection of data? \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***(**Note: if it isn’t, **WARN** the writer!) **\_\_\_\_\_**

* **Is the proposal supported by enough/appropriate data and arguments?** If not, what needs more support?
* Does the argument seem **balanced and objective**, or are there signs of bias? Note any problems with tone or slanting of evidence.

4. **How are the source citations WITHIN THE TEXT of the essay?** \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any parts where the citations seem unclear, incomplete, or missing altogether? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there too much quoting or paraphrasing? Mark on the draft any problems, particularly missing citations or quotation marks.

5. **Is the works cited page properly formatted using MLA style?** \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* If not, WARN the writer!

6. Are the following elements present? Mention of a **global dimension**? \_\_\_\_ At least one **visual**? \_\_\_\_ A **works cited page** with at least 5 sources? \_\_\_\_\_ At least one **alternative view** discussed (different from the writer’s that is)? Is the **opponent’s position** adequately dealt with? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What do you like best about the essay?