**Sample Peer Review**

**General**

What are the strengths of this article?

What did you find most intriguing about this article?

**Content**

Is the argument stated early and clearly? If not where could this be done?

State the argument as you understand it:

Are claims for significance made in the article? If not where could they be added?

State the claims for significance as you understand them:

Is the article well-situated within the scholarly literature? Is the presentation of the literature thorough and clear?

Are the methods described comprehensively and precisely? Does anything need to be added/clarified?

Is more evidence needed to support the argument? Be specific.

**Organization**

Are the first few paragraphs compelling? Do they make even the non-expert want to read more?

Are the subheadings used strategically? Could they be better placed?

Are all questions raised then answered?

Are any places repetitious or digressive?

Are all transitions clear?

**Structure**

Do you lose interest at any point while reading? Note these points.

Do any sections seem too long?

Are all questions raised then answered?

Does the conclusion revisit the argument and address the claim for significance?

**Mechanics**

Are paragraphs well-structured so it is immediately apparent what each is about?

Is the sentence structure concise and easy to understand?

Is the article free of subject/verb errors, unclear pronouns, and unnecessary commas?