

Comments on paper # _____ by _____

Introduction	Strong	OK	Weak
Paper has a clear, precise thesis			
Introduction explains why the topic is interesting and important			
Introduction indicates what the body of the paper will contain			
Body of the paper	Strong	OK	Weak
Paper uses primary sources			
Primary sources are used convincingly to support the argument			
Each paragraph is focused on one topic and discusses it			
Taken together, paragraphs form a coherent argument			
Transitions between paragraphs are smooth			
Conclusion	Strong	OK	Weak
Conclusion restates the most important elements in the argument			
Conclusion suggests the broader implications or significance of the paper			
Style and mechanics	Strong	OK	Weak
Sentences are clear			
Paper has proper footnotes and bibliography			
Mechanics—spelling, grammar, punctuation are correct			
Overall			
GRADE:			

The strongest aspect of this paper is . . .

The aspect that could use the most attention is . . .

Any other comments . . .