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| **Peer Response: Paper 1 Close Reading** |
| *Writer’s Name*  *Paper Title*  *Reviewer’s Name* |
| *Style and Grammar*  Does the paper follow MLA format regarding 1-inch margins, heading, running header, double-spacing, 12pt Times New Roman font, in-text quotations, and block quotations?  Are there repeated grammatical and typographical errors? |
| *Thesis and Controlling Idea*  What is the paper’s thesis statement?  Does the thesis guide the reader, structure the paper, and control the analysis?  Does the thesis address the core conflict and overall theme/meaning/idea of the poem or short story? |
| *Close Reading*  Does the paper carefully break down the poem or short story passage in terms of literary meaning?  Does the paper pay close attention to the connotative, symbolic, and/or figurative meaning of individual words and phrases?  Does the paper move beyond plot summary and provide an interpretation of the conflicts, tensions, and/or ironies of the poem or passage? |

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| *Organization*  Does each paragraph advance, support, and/or develop the controlling idea, the thesis?  Does each paragraph create and maintain its own internal organization and coherence?  Do the paper’s paragraphs build upon and/or follow one another in logical, effective ways? |
| *Voice*  Is the paper’s voice sufficiently academic and formal, strong and authoritative? |
| *Successes and Weaknesses*  What does the paper do well?  What does it need to work on in the revision? |
| *Quality and Creativity*  Does the paper convince you of its claim, i.e., its literary interpretation of the poem or passage? Why or why not?  Does the paper provide original insight into the literary work?  Is the paper of sound quality and caliber? |