

Name: _____ Partner: _____

“This I Believe”: Peer-Editing Checklist

Directions: Complete the following steps to edit your partner’s “This I Believe” essay.

| Step | Yes / No | Advice for how to improve |
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| 1. Is the paper written in the correct font and size? | | N/A |
| 2. Is the paper double-spaced? | | N/A |
| 3. Read the whole essay from beginning to end, without stopping, in a whisper voice. Do you know what your partner believes and why he or she believes that? | | |
| 4. Read the whole essay again in a whisper voice. This time, stop to leave comments on any small errors you notice (spelling, formatting, missing words, unclear sentences, etc) | √ when done | Initial feedback (warm and cool): |
| 5. Now check very carefully for capitalization! (USE THE LIST OF RULES IN THE GRAMMAR SECTION OF YOUR NOTES.) | √ when done | What does your partner need to focus on most in terms of capitalization? |
| 6. Have you appropriately used commas in a list? (CHECK CRUELLA!) | √ when done | What does your partner need to focus on most in terms of comma usage? |
| 7. Have you appropriately used commas in dates? <i>If applicable.</i> | √ when done | |
| 8. Does your partner appropriately use similes, metaphors, and descriptive language to describe a character or setting? | | Feedback: |
| 9. Is your partner telling a cohesive story? Does the story make sense? | | Feedback: |
| 10. Does your partner tell a personal story that reveals his or her belief? | | Feedback: |

OVER →

Overall Feedback

Warm

Cool

Sentence Starter for Warm Feedback:

I really like that you....

I appreciate that...

I enjoyed the part when....

The way you used _____ really....

Sentence Starter for Cool Feedback:

Next time, you should try...

When you revise, focus on....

You could improve by....

Try to include _____ in order to....