

## Essay I Introduction & ACE Paragraph Writing Workshop

### Part 1: Read your partner's Introductory Paragraph and answer the following questions:

1. Does the intro begin with an interesting & attention getting HOOK? Which kind? Is the meaning and/or relevance of the hook explained and connected to the topic of the paper?
2. How does the writer establish *Motive* in the introduction? What is the *MOTIVE*? After reading the introduction do you want to keep reading the remainder of the essay? Do you think the argument is important?
3. Does the intro have an arguable *THESIS* that makes a focused claim and is located near or at the END of the introduction? Is the *Thesis* clearly worded? Can you paraphrase it? Do so below.
4. Does the intro use clear, concise, succinct *DICTION*? What language can be more concrete and specific? Does the writer transition between parts of the introduction? Where are transitions needed?
5. What major *KEYTERMS* are introduced? Are they used consistently throughout the essay, or are they dropped from use and replaced by other keyterms? Are names of characters, authors, titles of readings, mentioned?

### Part 2: Read any ACE Body Paragraphs & answer the following questions:

- Does paragraphs begin with an **ASSERTION** claims?
  - *If not*, indicate that the paragraph needs one; suggest (write) a possible assertion
  - *If yes*, does the Assertion claim relate to & supports the Thesis?
  - Is the Assertion claim **FOCUSED** and specific? Is it an I SAY claim?
  - Is the Assertion Claim evaluative--not factual or descriptive?
  - Do Assertion claims have strong Stance?
  - How can the Assertion claims be stronger?
- Does the paragraph **CITE** a quotation from a course reading as evidence?
  - Does cited evidence relate to and support the Assertion claim?
  - If the cited evidence *does not relate*, suggest a revision strategy.
  - Does the paragraph transition to the evidence?
  - Is the evidence properly documented using MLA parenthetical citation?
- Is the evidence followed by an **EXPLANATION** that analyzes the meaning and relevance of the quotation? Does explanation show how the evidence supports the overall argument? How?
- Is the paragraph well-developed? What could be added, deleted, revised to better develop the paragraph?
- Where might the paragraph benefit from Quotation Weaving? Are there any Orphan Quotes?
- Where might a paragraph benefit from Stitching (transitional words, phrases, sentences)? i.e. between Assertion claim and & evidence cited? Between evidence cited & explanation of the evidence (analysis)? To help transition between sources in a synthesis paragraph?