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Reviewer _____

Peer Review of Reflective Essay

Checklist for portfolio

- Free- writing exercises: 3 free- writing responses to a phrase
- Answers to questions on Alice Walker's essay, "Beauty: When the Other Dancer is the Self"
- Paragraph response to Walker's essay
- Answers to questions on Gary Soto's essay "The Jacket"
- Paragraph response to Soto's essay
- Peer review and rough draft used in peer review
- Outline of essay
- Final draft of essay

| Evaluative Questions | Yes | Somewhat | No |
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| 1. Is the title informative and interesting? Does the introductory paragraph engage the reader? | | | |
| 2. Does the essay have a clear focus? <u>Write the thesis of the essay on the back of this page.</u> | | | |
| 3. Is the paragraphing effective: -- topic sentence paragraphs fully developed? -- functional paragraphs rhetorically effective? -- paragraphs coherent, unified, connected logically? <u>Circle transitional words, phrases, and sentences within the essay.</u> | | | |
| 4. Does the writer use rhetorical devices to engage the reader? (dialogue, metaphorical language, repetition, images, etc.) <u>Underline in the essay examples of rhetorical devices that you think the writer has used well.</u> | | | |
| 5. Does the writer support all claims with sufficient facts, details, examples? <u>Put an X in the margin of the paper where you think the writer needs to add more information, examples, details, or explanation.</u> | | | |
| 6. Is the language appropriate for college- level writing? Are the sentences varied in length? Do the sentences consistently rely on strong action verbs? <u>Place a check above verbs that are strong action verbs in the essay.</u> | | | |
| 7. Is the writing free of grammatical errors? | | | |
| 8. Does the conclusion wrap up the essay effectively? | | | |