In Class Editing Assignment – 10%

Editors: you will be marked on the level of detail (both on the form and in the paper) you give in your comments. I expect you to read the paper thoroughly. You will make notes **throughout the paper** in addition to marking down comments in the column below. Circle sentences that are confusing or unclear. If they are unnecessary, cross them out. Try to identify the reason for confusion, for example, perhaps the wrong verb has been used. Make note of the overall success of the paper by deciding whether or not the thesis statement has been proven. Give positive feedback wherever possible! Be polite!

No

Yes

Paper Title:	Author:	
Editor's Name	Date:	

The First Step

Flip Through the Paper. Are there:

a. Pages without a single paragraph break?

 \rightarrow If yes, recommend paragraph breaks

What we were aiming for:	Comments	Marks
Introduction – at LEAST four (4) sentences		
1. Has an original, enticing, or thoughtful first		
sentence.		
2. Introduces the topic of the paper (Marx?		
Freud? Fanon? De Beauvoir? Picasso?), then		
NARROWS it to a specific question: War?		
Sexuality? Torture? Repression? The 60s?)		
3. Provides a clear outline for paper (what		
sections will the paper have—each section		
proves a small part of the argument) (Think of		
this as like oral instructions for a driver who		
doesn't have a roadmap of an area)		
4. Thesis statement		
- clearly argues a position		
- Takes a stance on the topic		/2
Creativity / Originality		
Giving Points for the Unexpected!		
Did the author try to think of an interesting angle f		
which to approach the issue? Are you surprised at		/1
how this paper was approached or is it exactly what		/ 1
you thought papers in this class would look like or		
were supposed to look like?		
Writing and Format		
Paragraphs – Have One Principle Idea Only		
 <u>Topic Sentences</u> indicate the purpose/ 		
point		
 Quotations / evidence proves the point 		/2
 Are between 100-200 words long 		12
 <u>Conclusion Sentences</u> complete the 		
argument and transition to the next		

paragraph A tip: Remember the acronym S. I. E. (State your point, Introduce your evidence –2 or 3 quotations, Elabourate/Explain the most salient message you want us to take away from this evidence. For example: S. Mr. X is a robber I. Mrs. Y's jewels were found in Mr. X's car E. Mr. X's fingerprints were on the jewels, therefore Mr. X is a robber. Notice how without the E, the evidence from I has not been properly used or followed-up on		
Sentences - Clear - Detailed (not repetitive) - Grammatically Correct	/1	
Words		
- spelling is correct Document	/1	
 double spaced, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, 1" margins, has a cover page, page numbers 1500-2500 words 	/1	
Scholarly Material		
Citations Content Quotations are wisely used. They provide evidence for your argument. Format		
Short Quotes are introduced: "" (Parr 14).		
Long Quotes are defined as being over 40 words. As		
above, they are introduced:		
in the same way as short quotations, but		
they are double spaced, indented and have		
no quotation marks. (Parr 14)		
Signal phrases reference the author's last name		
e. g. Parr argues (good); Historian Jocelyn Parr		
argues (best)		
Italicize Book Titles		
"Articles and Chapters titles are in Quotations"	/4	

 Works Cited <u>Content</u> There are at least eight (8) scholarly sources (NOT including encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines, or general internet websites like wikipedia) Are there additional sources ? <u>Format</u> Johnson, Kirk. "The Mountain Lions of Michigan." <i>Endangered Species Update</i> 19.2 (2002): 27-31. 	 A Basic, but Incomplete Checklist: Alphabetized □ Indented □ Italicize Book Titles and Database Names □ "Articles and Chapters titles are in Quotations" □ Identify Type of Source (Web 	
<i>Expanded Academic Index</i> . Web. 26 Nov. 2008. Tan, Amy. <i>The Bonesetter's Daughter</i> . New York: Putnam, 2001. Print.	or Print) □ • Double spaced □	/ 4
 Overall Structure and Logic There is a good flow to the paper (e.g. if you were to read ONLY the topic sentences all the way through, the story-line of the paper makes sense). 		
- The paper sections are balanced		/2
 Conclusion re-articulates/ summarizes argument Sends us back into the world, knowing the consequences of the research and thinking 		
about new questions that have been brought up		/2
Total (Days Late)		/20

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PART?)

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