

Final APA Paper Peer Review Make Up

If you've missed the peer review on turnitin.com and are making up the credit, have 2 others digitally share their work with you for the purpose of them getting more feedback and you earning back points. Use Microsoft Word's "track changes" feature to help edit and comment on their work. Additionally, write up your responses in the spaces beneath the questions below. Email the feedback and digitally marked up papers to the writers and CC Mr. Greene and Mrs. Newman by the agreed upon due date.

1. The literature review should give a general historical overview of the topic, the current trends/practices, and the controversies and debates within the topic. See if they follow this organization for the body of the lit review. Clear topic sentences should be present to indicate the major shifts. Comment on the breadth, depth, and overall coherence of the lit review. Cite specific examples to help them see what needs to happen in the way of revisions. By the way, a senior project worthy length target for a paper to be considered "excellent" is 6-8 pages. 4-6 is our slot for frosh and sophs.
2. A typical problem with the Methods and Materials section is lack of specificity. The point is that somebody would be able to read this section and recreate your work and test your findings. After reading this section of the paper, comment on the clarity of the procedural steps and specificity of the required materials. There should be no bullet point/numbered listings. This should be done in narrative prose. I realize that for some this will be tough given the nature of the experiments or studies done, so just do your best giving constructive feedback on this section given the context of the work that was done.
3. Typical issues in the Results section revolve around students slipping into interpretation or analysis of the results. This should be only an objective statement of the data. If tables or graphs are present, they should be explained through captions or a narrative. You should see no bullet point listings of results. This is and probably will/should be the shortest section of the paper. Comment constructively on their results; cite specific instances of things that work, things that need revision.
4. The format for the Discussion and Conclusions section should be as follows: 1. Brief introductory analysis of the results and whether or not the hypothesis was supported; a connection to the literature review theories and practices (1-2 paragraphs) 2. A fearless, honest evaluation of the methodology used. Where were the glitches? What could be improved (1-2 paragraphs) 3. An assessment of the next steps in research. What are the next steps to help refine the work and answer questions raised in this project (1-2 paragraphs) 4. A statement of the final conclusions drawn from this work, its implication in both the short and long term. Think big here. This is where you can get creative and imaginative, but reasonable. (1-2 paragraphs) Look through this section of the paper and see if they address each of the four sub-sections. Comment constructively on their work. Cite specific examples.
5. Review the "Reference" page for formatting. It should be titled as such, alphabetized, indented properly (hanging indentation), and make use of shortened "Retrieved from" web addresses (main domain name is all that's really needed). No numbering or bullet points. What's your assessment of their formatting of this? Do they demonstrate good breadth and depth of resources, including different types of sources? Have they included more than the bare minimum of 4-6 sources?
6. What about the general attention to APA formatting? How did they do with the title page, running head, in-text parenthetical citations (see if they varied the way in which they cited material), etc.? Look back through the paper and make a constructive evaluation, citing specific examples when possible.
7. Finally, looking at the whole product, what is at least one thing that's working well in this paper, and at least one thing that's ripe for revision?
8. How would you rate their overall command of APA formatting (1-5)?
9. How would you rate the overall, holistic strength of this paper (1-5)?