

# Humanities 12 Peer Review – First Amendment Essay

*(worth 10 points in community learning)*

*Style Marks:* As you read, underline sentences that were especially pleasurable to read. Put question marks along the side for sentences or paragraphs that are hard to follow.

## Readable Plan

What is the essay's thesis?

List the main points of the essay "forecasted" in the introduction? Do these support the thesis?

Circle elements the writer should consider to make the essay flow.

Clarify thesis

Stronger introduction

Clarify forecasting statement

Re-order their main points

Clearer topic sentences

Stronger conclusion

Smoother transitions between sections

For each element you circled, summarize your suggestion.

## Well-Supported Argument

What is the first reason the author gives for their position?

List the evidence supporting this reason.

What is the second reason the author gives for their position?

List the evidence supporting this reason.

Circle ways the writer can strengthen the support for their position.

Sharpen reasons

Stronger Evidence

More statistics

More/Better Examples

Give a personal story

Make a comparison

Quote expert sources

Use history

Describe relevant case law

For each element you circled, briefly summarize your suggestion.

## Effective Counterargument

What opposing ideas does the author present?

Circle the strategy the author uses in their counterargument against these positions:

Acknowledge and refute

Concede and accommodate

The circle the ways the author can strengthen their counterargument.

Think up better opposing viewpoints to argue against - give a suggestion

Spend more time explaining and refuting the reasoning of the opposition

Acknowledge the opposing viewpoint has value and use it to build a better argument

Explain.