How to give good peer feedback



Some ground rules...

- As a writer: keep an open mind, critically reflect on the feedback you receive, ask follow-up questions if you don't understand something, and use the feedback to make revisions to your work.
- As a reader providing feedback: start with a positive statement, don't be afraid to provide suggestions but be supportive; and remember to be concrete and detailed.



Step 1: Begin with a positive statement

- Begin with a positive statement on your classmate's work. Point out what you think they did right.
- For example, you can say "I really liked XY", or "You did a good job in XY", or "I enjoyed reading your XY"



Step 2: Talk about clarity of the overall paper



- Could the readability, clarity, or style of this paper be improved? How?
- · Does it have a clear thesis statement?
- Does each paragraph of this paper logically progress from the former ones? Why or why not?
- How clearly does the author express his or her ideas?

Step 3: Give feedback to help improve their draft

- The most important thing I think you can do to improve this draft is...because...
- · One sentence that was not specific enough was...because...
- One idea that you have not fully illustrated with a specific example is...



