

Workshop Sheet

1. What is the thesis of the essay? Does the thesis answer the topic question if there is one?
2. Comment on the paper's thesis and the introductory paragraph. Is it clear? Logical? Appropriate for the length and type of essay? Well-presented? Interesting? etc.
4. How is this essay organized? Is the subject presented in an effective and appropriate form?
5. What is the main point of the paragraphs in the body of the essay? Are they well-argued and supported? List the illustrations, examples, points used to support the thesis. Comment on them. Are they appropriate? Convincing? How so? (If you need more space, please continue on the back.)

1st paragraph _____

2nd paragraph _____

3rd paragraph _____

4th paragraph _____

5th paragraph _____

6. Comment on the conclusion. Does it logically follow the arguments above? Is it too abrupt? Is it a mere repetition of previous paragraphs?

7. What do you think of the paper's title? Is it descriptive enough or too vague? Is it interesting? Too long? Helpful in getting a sense of what the paper is about? Appropriate for the content of the paper?

8. Comment on the overall style and writing. What is especially good/bad about the writing? Does the paper fit tightly together or is it rambling? What grammatical problems detract from the readability and credibility of the paper? What organizational problems weaken the flow of the paper? How is the diction? Clear and evocative? Verbose? Vague?

7. What is the use of this essay? What does it contribute to our understanding of the novel? What did you learn from it?

8. Hit List count: How many times have you found the following in the essay?

agr _____	form _____	support _____
s-v _____	frag _____	T _____
p-a _____	logic _____	vague _____
cap _____	rep _____	ww _____
colloq _____	sp _____	I think _____