**Peer Editing Help Sheet**

When reading the draft essay look out for the following and make appropriate comments using the ‘comment’ icon in Pages:

**Spelling**

Note that spellcheck does not always pick up on errors eg ***their and there.***

**Punctuation**

Check that capital letters, full stops etc are used correctly throughout the essay.

**Introduction**

Does the introduction provide a context for the essay (set the scene)?

Is there a thesis statement in the introduction? Does it appear at the end of the introduction?

Is the introduction interesting and creative? If not, what can the writer do improve it?

**Body paragraphs**

Do each of the main body paragraphs contain one clear topic sentence; ONE arguable point supporting the idea in detail?

Do the topic sentences in each paragraph relate to the essay title?

Is there an example or examples given to support the points made in each paragraph?

Is there sufficient detail in each paragraph? If not, what needs to be added?

Are all sentences complete?

Do the sentences in each paragraph follow on logically from one to another?

**Tense**

Has the writer used the 3rd person to write the essay?

**Conclusion**

Is the thesis statement restated in the conclusion?

**General comments**

What are the main strengths of the essay?

What could be done to improve the essay?