

## Reader Review Rubric

**Author's Name**

**Reader's Name**

### Directions

Read the paper critically, making notes in the margins as you deem fit. Critical reading means not taking anything for granted. Does the author make a sound argument? (Feel as if you *need* to be convinced.) Is the argument supported by specific evidence? Is the evidence sufficient to support the argument? Are there better examples or counterexamples? Does the author use and/or explain terms and ideas correctly? Does the author hold assumptions that might be challenged? Remember to *write reasons* ("this is good *because...*") to your marginal comments.

Basic Requirements	y/n	Comments (both good/encouraging & bad/constructive)
Does the paper clearly identify a definition of religion? (Whose?)		
Is there at least one threshold concept used? (Which one?)		
Are there at least two examples drawn from different traditions? (which ones?)		
Are there clear citations? (quotes, summary, and/or paraphrase)		
Does it seem to meet formatting requirements (500 words, 12 pt. font, Times, etc.)		
Organization/Structure	y/n	Comments (both good/encouraging & bad/constructive)
Does the introduction/thesis clearly state if the definition is <i>refuted</i> or <i>supported</i> ?		
Is there an overall structure to the argument that makes sense as a reader?		
Are paragraphs organized around one topic or idea?		
Is there a conclusion that ties the argument together?		
Are there many grammatical mistakes? (any trends?)		
Overall	y/n	Comments (both good/encouraging & bad/constructive)
Do you feel that the author succeeded in supporting the argument as outlined in his/her introduction? (Suggestions?)		
Does the paper show original thought? (How?)		
What's one thing the author should work on to make this paper better? ("nothing" is not helpful)	X	