

## *Peer Review of Introductions*

When reviewing your peers' writing, it is often helpful to have some questions or concerns to focus on; these are a jumping-off point—add your own as you feel appropriate. As you read each other's work, take notes and be prepared to discuss your responses.

### *Content:*

- What was your favorite part of the Introduction? What was the most memorable thing in it? On the basis of the Introduction, what do you expect to be the most exciting or interesting part of the paper?
- What do you feel the thesis of the paper is going to be? Do you know where the author is going with the paper, and how it will be organized?
- Was there anything in the Intro that you found unclear or confusing? Are there details that are interesting, but not directly pertinent to the topic? Do they distract from the main idea? Should they be removed?
- After reading the Introduction, are you interested enough in the topic to read the rest of the paper? If not, what could the author do to raise your level of interest?

### *Writing Mechanics:*

- Did you stumble over any sentences or phrases? Do you have any specific, constructive suggestions to fix the writing in order to increase clarity?
- Does the Introduction flow? Are the connections between paragraphs smooth, or might a broad reorganization improve the message?
- How would you describe the author's voice? Is the tone appropriate for the content?
- Are there any chronic problems, as with punctuation, word choice, sentence fragments or run-ons, or proofreading?