Reader Response Sheet
For Evaluative Critique

*Author: _____________________   Reader: _______________________

Answer the questions below, being as specific as possible. If the author has included a self-evaluation, do not read it until you have answered questions 1 through 6.

1. Read the first paragraph and then pause. Write down what you expect the topic, purpose, and audience of the paper will be.

2. Now finish reading the paper. Were your expectations for the paper’s topic, purpose, and audience fulfilled? If not, what do you now think the topic, purpose, and audience are?

3. What do you think the main idea or thesis of the paper is?

4. What sort of evidence is used to develop or support this main idea?

5. Summarize the paper, devoting one sentence to each paragraph.

6. What did you like best about the paper?
7. Did anything in the paper surprise you?

8. What two features of the paper most need improvement?

9. Please respond to the author’s questions on the back of this sheet.

*To the author: Before giving this sheet to your reader, list on the back the three questions that you would like your reader to answer about this paper.