Causal Analysis Peer Review Sheet – ENC 1101   Author:_____

Date:_____ Reviewer:_____

What is the issue being caused?   What is the thesis of this paper?

What are the Major points of this paper? (What are the three reasons that cause the issue?)

Does the author give specific evidence (cited—quoted) to back up his or her conclusions? If not, where should the author use some? What research does the author use? (Databases, printed sources, no google or Wikipedia type random searches)

Does the author explain the importance of the evidence or how the evidence proves his or her points? If not, where are the gaps?

Does the author explain how the points support his or her thesis? Have they considered other causes or possibly addressed any counterargument?

In the conclusion, does the author explain why the thesis is important? (in other words, does he or she explain why the reader should care about his or her argument? If not, what might you suggest as the reason why the thesis is important?

Format:

Does the author have his or her paper in MLA format?

Is his or her use of MLA format correct? (in text citations, works cited are all in proper format?) Are the Page Numbers correct? Is the Works Cited page Correctly formatted?

Is the paper approximately long enough?

Are the paragraphs too long? too short? (165-215 words)

Are there major gaps between paragraphs? Are there any typos?

Is the font and size of the font correct (Arial, or Times New Roman 12 point)?

Does the paper use 1st or 2nd person narration (I, We, Us, Our, You, Your)?

Does the paper have Sentence fragments?

Does the paper uses transitional expressions to logically connect ideas? If not, show an example where this would be helpful.

Does the paper have any vague "This" in it?

Does the paper use passive voice? If so, Give an example and how to correct it.

How many sources does the paper have?

Does the paper use rhetorical Questions?

Does the paper use contractions? How many?