Peer Review Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to help note which elements and qualities you see in your classmate’s draft. As you read, when you see a particular element or quality being used, place an “X” in the appropriate box.

There is room at the bottom of the checklist to add comments or suggestions. You may comment on your reactions to the characters, plot, setting, etc. Remember, your thoughts and comments are very important to the writer, and they will help improve his/her story.

* Character development: There are clear characters with descriptions, actions, and direction.
  + Comments:
* Setting: The story takes place within a specific environment that has details and creates a mental picture for the reader.
  + Comments:
* Plot: There is a sense of action moving forward. A conflict is established with a protagonist and some form of an antagonist. The action rises and approaches a climax, then a resolution and a closing.
  + Comments:
* Theme: The story has a theme that explains or comments on a lesson or experience in life, which is seen throughout the experiences of the characters and the development of the plot.
  + Comments:
* Descriptions/details: The writer uses descriptive language that engages the reader’s senses.
  + Comments:
* Figurative language: The writer uses various forms of figurative language (simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, etc.).
  + Comments:

Overall Comments: