Author: _____

Revising Partner: _____

Peer Revising Checklist – Research Paper

Ideas:

- Does the writer have 4-6 key SCIENTIFIC vocabulary words in their essay? Write the words you can find: _____
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- Did they provide definitions for these terms or use them in context enough that you know their meaning? ***If not, make note so that they can fix it.***
- Did they offer some sense of background information (what the experiment is/why it is important) – what did they say? (If not, note on their essay where they should add it.)_____
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- Do all of the ideas in a paragraph relate to each other? If not, what ideas need to get shifted around? ***Mark on their essay any place reordering should occur.*** Give one suggestion for reordering here:
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- Where do they need to develop their ideas? ***Make note on their essay.***
- Did they cite a variety of sources? Can you tell when they are using their words and when they are using the words/ideas of others? ***Mark where citations need to occur if they haven't already done so.***

Organization:

- Does the writer have a topic sentence for each body paragraph that truly explains what it the paragraph is about? Give one example:_____
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- Does the writer use transitions to shift *and discuss how ideas are related to each other?* ***Mark on their paper where more transitions are needed.***

Voice and Word Choice:

- Does the writer keep the tone formal and avoid using words like "I," "me," "we," and "us"? ***If not fix it!***
- Is the writer's tone too conversational? How can we adjust word choice to sound more formal***? Note on their essay where this change needs to happen.*** Then, write one sentence where the tone should be changed to be more formal: _____
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