**Definition Workshop**

**Fall 2015**

**Instructions**

You’ll be writing at least a (long) paragraph response to each Definition you read, using the guided questions below. Responses must be uploaded **as separate documents** to the Comments section of your Classmate’s assignment in ELMS. Writing in-text comments on the Definition itself is an optional step; this cannot replace the separate document paragraph, however.

Your Response must include the following information within the document itself to receive credit: Definition Author’s Name; Term being defined; Reviewer’s (your) Name.

Use these questions to guide your responses.

**Questions for Consideration**

**Audience**

1. Does the Audience Description fully describe specific traits of the audience? Does the writer, within the Definition, then connect to these traits in an obvious way? If so, identify these connections; if not, make suggestions for some.
2. Does the audience description talk about the audience’s familiarity with the term or make it clear why the definition is needed? Make specific suggestions for improvement, or point to specifics that suggest this is done well.
3. Does the definition use appropriate language and vocabulary for the described audience? Give examples if so; give advice if not.

**Definition**

1. Does the paper begin with a basic definition? Is the term clearly defined in a way that, if you put yourself in the audience’s place, you would understand and appreciate it?
2. Is the paper a Definition – i.e., does it stick to defining the term, and not veer into value (whether something is good/bad) or action (telling the audience to do something)? Discuss.
3. Which definition tactics/techniques are used? Are they effective for the audience members? Why or why not?

**Style & Grammar**

1. Discuss your classmate’s ability to present information in a clear, concise way.
2. Discuss the way the paper is organized and whether or not information is presented in an orderly, logical way. Make suggestions for rearrangement.
3. Has the document been carefully proofread? If you see spelling mistakes, typos or similar errors, note them directly onto the text (if you are providing in-text comments) or refer to them specifically in your response.