



PEER EDITING WORKSHEET: Combining the Patterns

1. Using the annotations for “The Park” (page 659) or “On Dumpster Diving” (page 664) as a guide, annotate the essay to identify the patterns of development it uses.
2. What is the essay’s thesis? If it is not explicitly stated, state it in your own words. What pattern or patterns of development are suggested by the wording of the thesis statement?
3. What dominant pattern of development determines the essay’s overall structure?
4. What patterns does the writer use to develop the body paragraphs of the essay? Explain why each pattern is used in a particular paragraph or group of paragraphs.
5. What patterns are not used? Where, if anywhere, might one of these patterns serve the writer’s purpose?
6. Review the essay’s topic sentences. Is the wording of each topic sentence consistent with the particular pattern that structures the paragraph? If not, suggest possible ways some of the topic sentences might be reworded.