Instructions for Alien (or Whatever Picture You Want to Draw) Peer Review

1. Arrange desks in two long rows facing each other.
2. Each student should have:

* A rough draft of their paper
* A blank sheet of notebook paper
* A writing utencil

1. Have students put their own name at the top of the notebook paper.
2. On the first line, instruct students to write “1. Paragraphs” or whatever skill you want to check for.
3. Students switch rough drafts AND notebook sheets with the person (reviewer) sitting across from them.
4. Reviewer initials after “Paragraphs” to indicate he/she did indeed check for skill. Person checks for skill.
5. If paragraphs/skill IS present, reviewer:

* Puts a check mark after their initials
* Draws an alien head

1. If paragraph/skill IS NOT present, reviewer does nothing.
2. Students receive their rough drafts and notebook papers back, and one side rotates.

10. Repeat with next skill. Continue until all skills are covered. The resulting peer review sheet should both help students improve their work for their final draft and foreshadow to you what to expect when you grade their papers.