PEER REVIEW WORKSHOP

Formal Paper 3: Literature Review

- Scan the paper for no longer than 2 minutes. You should be able to discern:
  - the focus of the review: What is the central issue or problem being discussed?
  - the organization: How well does the author structure the points in the paper?

- Does the introduction serve as a good preview of both the paper's topic and the
  writer's approach?

- What is the focus of the paper?

- Can you identify the organization or line of argumentation? (Could you outline the
  process whereby the writer reaches the conclusion? Can you identify the main
  argument?)

- Suggest, if possible, a way improve the main argument. Are there claims or positions
  which require substantiation?

- Style: Did you find any sentences or ideas that were unclear (either because of
  sentence structure or because they expressed concepts that were difficult to follow)?

- What are the strengths of the paper?

- What do you think is the strongest objection or counter-argument to the paper's
  conclusion?