

**PEER RESPONSE PART II:
ENGAGING IN A PROCESS THAT WORKS**

We will now begin the peer review. To start, please do the following:

1. Share your paper with your partners.
2. Pick one paper to start with; the author can preface what he or she wants the partners to notice and/or look for.
3. All three people should read the entire thing without marking.
4. Once you are done, take a couple minutes and go through and compliment two strengths of the piece. Take this part seriously and be specific with the compliments; it is equally important for an author to know what works for the audience as it is for them/him/her to know what needs work.
5. After the compliments, take a couple minutes to provide two to three constructive suggestions for how the author can improve the piece. When doing this, remember to focus on the “big” issues (especially the ones on the rubric). What are some important things to maybe look at?
6. When finished, take 2 to 3 minutes to talk through the strengths and growth areas; during this the author should lead and can feel free to ask questions, seek solutions, and clarify meanings.
7. Once you finish with all the papers, work on improving your piece.

FIGURE 5.7 • Good Fences Make Good Responders