Peer Review: Paper #1 (This I Believe)

Please use the following criteria to critique each other’s work:

1. **Purpose**: What was the purpose of this essay? What details did the writer include to make the purpose clear? (Hint: The writers should not be trying to persuade the audience to adopt their belief.)

2. **Audience**: Who is the audience for this argument? What has the writer done to accommodate this audience? (Hint: For this paper, the class (including the instructor) is supposed to be the audience.)

3. **Thesis**: What is the writer’s thesis? How does the essay support this thesis? (Hint: The writer’s thesis should be the same as the writer’s belief. Is it?)

4. **Belief**: What does the writer believe? Does the writer state his or her belief explicitly? Does the writer state his or her belief concisely? Does the writer state his or her belief in a positive manner?

5. **Narrative**: Does the writer ground his or her essay in personal experience? Is the language concrete? Specific? Does the writer tell a story? Is it real? Is it personal?

6. **Attitude**: Does the writer have a positive attitude? Does the writer proselytize? Editorialize? Can you relate to what the writer is saying?

7. **Arrangement**: Was the paper arranged in the most effective manner? If not, what might you suggest? Pay particulate attention to the placement of the thesis; is it situated effectively?

8. **Introduction and conclusion**: How well does the introduction draw readers into the essay? What work is being done by the conclusion? Does the conclusion answer any questions raised in the introduction?

9. **Credibility**: Does the essay contain sufficient tsup?

10. **Comments**: Feel free to offer the writer any additional comments.