Sample Peer-Review Comments

Read each of the following comments and evaluate the effectiveness of each.

Response/Comment	This is effective because	This is not effective because
You need to give the readers more information to convince them. Why does the main character think it is better in Virginia than Maryland?		
First sentence is too short. A few words are misplaced.		
I liked your story, but you began practically every sentence with "but" or "so."		
Try to shorten your first sentence; it is a good topic but too long.		
Exactly why did your teacher pick on you?		
What happened when you made smart remarks back? What happened after you accepted defeat? More specific detail is needed to get the whole story.		
Good word choice, detail, and facts. Sentence structure is not too good in some places.		
Your topic sentence needs work. I don't take French and anyone who does not wouldn't understand.		
Good description of your feelings when you lost your cat.		