

Review of Paper Number One (Assignment Two)

First Paragraph:

- You should capitalize the title of Kuhn's book and insert a comma inside the quotation marks.
- Your second sentence should transition from the first. You mention that Kuhn calls the changing outlook on science a "paradigm shift" but the audience doesn't know what that is. Clarify that the paradigm shift *is* Kuhn's theory replacing logical empiricism.
- A brief description of both the definition of what Kuhn's theory is and a definition of logical empiricism would help give context to your comparison.
- Omit the second "their" in the sentence ending "their characterization of scientific revolutions, lexicon structures and their scientific theory" to keep parallel structure.
- The next two sentences should be combined with the word "because" to clarify the cause and effect relationship (there are also two typos in the second sentence). In addition, change "could be used to" to "can."
- The next sentence (beginning "it did not reach this goal...") is confusing. How did "the history of science repudiate the goal?" The subject, the object, and the verb are unclear. You then refer to the history of science taking over logical empiricism's functions (empiricism's needs an apostrophe), but that is also unclear. Define the functions.
- The last sentence of your introduction might be stronger if tightened. You can omit the introductory phrase "it would appear that," make "without" one word, use "flaw" instead of "downfall," place a comma after downfall (or flaw if you change it), and omit the phrase "for years further."
- Overall, you set up your paper nicely. The title is good and clear although you may want to add in that the "structure of scientific revolutions" is specifically Kuhn's theory of the structure of scientific revolutions. You may want to add a thesis-like sentence that specifically states your goal of comparing the two theories.

Second Paragraph:

- The second sentence combines two unrelated ideas. You should use a semicolon after the first sentence then "however, this is not the case..." Then, you need some kind of transition to Kuhn's theory. You still haven't stated what Kuhn's theory is, so the comparison is a bit hard to follow.
- The next sentence could use a colon to introduce the two concepts.
- The next sentence is confusing. The meaning of the words "postulate" and "logistical framework" are unclear.

Third Paragraph:

- A comma belongs before the word "which" and not before the word "or."

Fourth Paragraph:

- What is symbolic generalization? You imply to the fact you've mentioned it before, but I'm not sure where. The subject and verb need agreement, and you need a comma before the word "and."
- You would improve the last sentence of this paragraph by saying "Kuhn's descriptions of a paradigm shift parallel the idea of one set of ..."

Fourth Paragraph:

- The sentence "The similarities don't stop here" may be too informal.
- In the following sentence, you say "Kuhn's lexicon is...the step before noting scientific problems..." What do you mean by noting? Identifying? Observing?

Fifth Paragraph:

- A comma belongs after "similarities." You should also say that Kuhn's theory of the structure of scientific revolutions replaced logical empiricism, not Kuhn himself.
- "Scientists interpretation" needs an apostrophe. Later in that sentence, you refer to "their paradigm" without having mentioned who "their" is. I think you mean the scientists but I also don't know what their paradigm would be.
- A comma belongs after "subsequently."
- You use the word "interpretive," but I think you mean "interpreted" about a quarter of the way down the page.
- In the next sentence, you can remove "yet interpret it" and just leave that the paradigms can be viewed differently.
- The sentence beginning "however..." needs a comma after however and there is an accidental single parenthesis later in the sentence.
- You use the word "interpretive" again, which I'm still unsure of.
- After "logical empiricists like Carnap," you could replace "made provisions for this. They thought there would be..." with the word "think."
- A comma is needed after the phrase "in fact."

Sixth Paragraph:

- The last sentence of your paper is a little confusing. What is your point? Are you suggesting that a synthesis cannot exist without accounting for the reasons that empiricism was phased out? How would this be possible? The phrase "it should be addressed" is vague and makes the meaning of the sentence a bit unclear. Also, the "however" should be offset by commas.

In general:

- Avoid starting sentences with "and," "though," "because," and "however." If you choose to keep sentences with this structure, you need a comma after these phrases (when they begin a sentence).
- Avoid vague phrases like "it has been said," "it would appear that," "it would seem that," and "it should be addressed." The writing is stronger without them.
- Avoid using new terms without defining them first. It can lead the audience astray or lose them.