

Persuasive Essay Revision Checklist

1. _____ Does the beginning capture the reader's attention?
2. _____ Does the introductory paragraph lead into the thesis statement?
3. _____ Does the thesis statement clearly argue from one position?
4. _____ Does the thesis statement list your three main arguments?
5. _____ Do the examples support one of the main arguments?
6. _____ Is the writing focused and clear?
7. _____ Is the writing organized logically? (cause/effect; chronological; example/analysis)
8. _____ Do the details fit the chosen topic?
9. _____ Are the details sufficiently described?
10. _____ Did you delete details that do not relate to the topic?
11. _____ Are there any details that should be added to make the writing clearer?
12. _____ Does the writing include sensory details (taste, touch, sight, sound) and vivid images?
13. _____ Are ideas and details connected with appropriate transitions?
14. _____ Is the choice of words fresh, colorful, and interesting?
15. _____ Have any words been unnecessarily repeated?
16. _____ Have weak, general words been replaced with detailed terms?

Essay Editing Checklist

1. _____ I have corrected misspellings.
2. _____ I have corrected punctuation error (commas, colons, semicolons, end punctuation)
3. _____ My writing contains correct capitalization of sentences and proper nouns.
4. _____ All of the verbs agree with their subjects.
5. _____ All of the pronouns and their antecedents agree.
6. _____ I have no misplaced modifiers.
7. _____ I have used apostrophes correctly with possessives (student's locker).
8. _____ I have written sentences using parallel structure.
9. _____ I have eliminated all fragments.
10. _____ I have eliminated all run-on sentences.
11. _____ I have used all words correctly.
12. _____ I have checked for commonly misused homonyms (there, their, they're; to, too, two)
13. _____ I have eliminated passive voice whenever possible.
14. _____ I have varied my sentence structure so the writing uses a mix of sentence types:
 - Begin with a subordinating conjunction.
 - Join independent clauses with a semicolon.
 - Use complex sentence structure.
 - Use short and long sentences.