

Essay Revision Checklist



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Assignment

I read and reread my assignment to understand the assignment guidelines.

Audience

My essay was written with an audience in mind.

Organization

My essay has a clear introduction, body, and conclusion.

My essay follows a larger organizing principle (logic, chronology, cause and effect, etc.).

Introduction

My introduction creates interest in my topic and makes my audience want to read on.

My introduction address the *who*, *where*, *why*, *what*, and *how* of my topic.

The beginning sentences of my introduction logically lead up to my thesis statement.

Thesis Statement

My thesis statement:

Expresses a claim (a stance, perspective, or opinion) on my topic.

Addresses one central idea.

Justifies discussion and debate.

Previews the argument structure and evidence.

Body Paragraphs

I began each paragraph with a topic sentence which indicates that paragraph's main idea.

The main idea of every paragraph directly relates to my thesis.

I offer substantial evidence, support, and analysis to support each paragraph's main idea.

My thoughts progress from paragraph to paragraph in a clear, organized way.

Conclusion

My conclusion emphasizes my topic and thesis.

My essay comes to a logical conclusion and does not end abruptly.

Fine Tuning

I have read over my essay to check for grammar and consistency.

Citation

I have cited my sources in-text and in the Works Cited/References page.