

## **Professor Rodgers Structural Revision Worksheet**

The focus of structural revision is the clarity and completeness of your argument. Have you included everything you need to to make your argument logical, complete, clear, engaging, and convincing?

### **Argument Clarity and Completeness**

- Have you clearly articulated, both for yourself and your audience, the purpose of this essay? Or, as Harold explains, “What is it that you want your reader to understand after reading this essay?” You may want to answer Harold’s question by completing this statement: “After reading this essay, I want my reader to understand how/why \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Are there any points or thoughts related to the topic of your essay that you have NOT YET INCLUDED? What are they? Why are they not included here? How could you include them?

### **Paragraphs**

- Does each paragraph support a central point? Are there paragraphs that support multiple points and should be broken up into two paragraphs? Are there paragraphs that are too “weak” to stand on their own as paragraphs?
- Does each paragraph connect to the thesis statement? How? (If each paragraph does not connect to the thesis statement, why is that the case? For instance, does it mean that your thesis statement may need to be revised? Alternately, does it mean that this paragraph in its current form does not belong in this essay?)

### **Thesis Statement**

- Is your thesis statement an accurate representation of the argument of your paper? If no, why not? If yes, could it be an even more accurate reflection of your argument?
- Is your thesis statement a proposition (see “a/” below) and not a statement of fact (see “b/” below), i.e., a/ “My understanding of technology used to be fairly simple--it was just the digital tools and devices that I use on a daily basis--but after reading some of these essays, my understanding of the term has changed and evolved.” b/ “My understanding of technology is that it is useful.”

### **Title**

- Is your title an accurate, adequate, interesting, and possibly intriguing reflection of the contents of your paper? Why or why not?