Revising Writing

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<u>Directions</u>: Follow these steps to complete a revision of your partner's essay.

- 1. Make a copy of this document and rename it by placing your first and last name and homeroom in front of the title [FirstName LastName Homeroom Revising Writing: The Pact (4.9.12)]
- 2. Find your partner's final draft. Copy and paste the final draft below.
- 3. Highlight each of the required pieces according to the color scheme below.
- 4. Answer each question below.
- 5. Finally, look at the revisions and comments made to your essay. If you need to add/change anything, do that now on your own final draft. If you finish before your partner, assign yourself by beginning your homework assignment.

The Pact

Culminating Focus Question: What helped The Pact buddies succeed in life? Support your assertions with examples from the text.

Criteria For Success:

- Write a clear introduction that
 - Begins with a broad topic
 - Includes 1-2 sentences narrowing that topic
 - Clearly states your thesis (opinion + 3-part blueprint)
- Discuss three examples of things that helped <u>The Pact</u> buddies succeed.
- Use evidence from the text to support your assertions. (Direct quote from the text)
- Your essay should be 5 paragraphs, 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced OR neatly nj

hand-written.

- Each paragraph begins with a transition and topic sentence.
- Each body paragraph has at least 5 sentences.
- Include one example of an appropriately used semicolon
- Include one example of an appropriately used colon
- Include one example of apposition
- Include one example of subordination
- Include one example of coordination

Copy and paste your partners final draft below:

Ever had a friend(s) who ever helped you out in some way? Well there has been before that took three ordinary people whose strong friendship took them to succeed throughout their life. The Pact buddies succeeded in life because of their friendship, determination, and their hard life.

First it was their friendship that helped them keep along their hard lives like in school. "You want to drop out of school for this?" This is George telling Rameck to not give up school for rapping; their friendship of George kept them in school. Write a summary sentence for this paragraph: Overall they knew that they had to succeed with each others help.

Second thing that kept them in school was their determination. "We knew it was about to change our lives big time." This quote says that they had to succeed; to become their dream. This quote says that they had to succeed; to become their dream. Also that they had to keep on going no matter what other risky opportunity came up. They wanted to become more of what people mostly became where they lived.

Lastly it was what they encountered that made them become better people. In college, I discovered that when I went to elementary schools to tutor kids, I received as much as or more than the children did." This let them see that the people have hard times and they should set an example; instance kids always have hard times and people set example like these three.

Now that you know about them and how they survived college throughout it was with their friendship. In the book it was said that that George kept them together Now what do you think that might help you in college? Or how you can help others.

Answer the following questions regarding the essay:

Did the essay have coherence? In other words, did the essay flow? Or were there distracting errors? The second sentence in the introduction did not make sense.

Did the student indent every paragraph correctly (i.e. using the tab button)? No, Bart needs to use the tab button to indent.

Did the student use a space after each sentence or punctuation mark appropriately? No, Bart did not use a space after punctuation marks, such as commas.

Did the student indent or underline the book title?

Did the student write 5 paragraphs? Is it in 12 point font Times New Roman? Did they double space?

Did they use a comma after transitions and natural pauses?

Does each body paragraph have at least 5 sentences?

Does the conclusion summarize the thesis in new words? Does it leave the reader with a thought about the topic?

List the pieces they are missing from the **Criteria For Success** above.