

Persuasive Essay Self-Editing!

Read through your first draft, and see if you meet the following criteria:

1. Is your hook effective? Do you grab the reader's attention?
2. Have you given the reader sufficient background information on your topic in order for them to fully understand your essay?
3. Check and re-check your thesis statement. Make sure it fits all criteria on the handout.
4. Did you indent your first body paragraph? Is your topic sentence effective? Does it connect to your thesis?
5. Do all points in this paragraph relate to your topic sentence, or do some points seem random or disjointed?
6. Do you have a concluding/transition sentence - is it effective?
7. Did you indent your second body paragraph? Is the topic sentence effective? Does it connect to your thesis?
8. Do you offer an argument the other side might bring up?
9. Do you effectively argue **against** this point, in order to bring the argument back to your side?
10. Do you have a conclusion/transition sentence - is it effective?
11. Did you indent your third body paragraph? Is your topic sentence effective? Does it connect to your thesis?
12. Do all points in this paragraph relate to your topic sentence, or do some points seem random or disjointed?
13. Do you have a concluding/transition sentence - is it effective?
14. Did you indent your concluding paragraph? Have you restated your thesis in different words, in order to summarize your argument?
15. Have you left your reader with some thoughts to ponder on the topic?
16. Do you have a call to action?
17. Check your grammar, punctuation, and sentence structure
18. Check all of the quotes that you used from other sources. Have you given credit to where the information came from?