Persuasive Essay Self-Editing!

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

- 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?
- Did you indent your third body paragraph? Is your topic sentence effective? Does it connect to your thesis?
- 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?