

English III: Strengthening Thesis, Introduction, and Organization in Your Essay

Revision Checklist: *{Clarity and Specific Rhetorical Purposes as Guides for Revision}*

Introduction

_____ Does your introduction move from general to specific ?

_____ Does your introduction provide context for the reader?

Thesis

_____ Does your thesis include an assertion of the writer's opinion on a topic?

Topic Sentences

_____ Does your topic sentence for body paragraph one contain "echo" words to guide the reader?
What are they? Highlight them in yellow on your draft.

_____ Does your topic sentence for body paragraph one contain "echo" words to guide the reader?
What are they? Highlight them in yellow on your draft.

_____ Do additional topic sentences for body paragraphs contain "echo" words to guide the reader?
What are they? Highlight them in yellow on your draft.

Paragraph Development

_____ When textual evidence is presented in support of your thesis, is it "sandwiched"?
Highlight top slices in pink. Highlight bottom slices in blue.

_____ Have you provided transition words to guide your reader? What are they?
Circle them throughout your draft.

Clarity and Specific Rhetorical Purposes

_____ Have you varied your sentence beginnings? Highlight the first four words of each sentence in green.
How many sentences begin with "the"? _____

_____ Have you used parallel structure when possible? Highlight examples of it in orange.