

REVISION CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist to re-evaluate your essay:

1. Who is your audience?
2. What is your purpose?
3. With these two questions in mind, identify how you address them throughout the essay.
4. How does your introduction capture a reader's attention?
5. What is the subject of your essay?
6. What is the thesis of your essay?
7. What order does your thesis propose?
8. What is the personal slant of your thesis?
9. What are the main ideas you used to support and/or explain your thesis?
10. How do these ideas support your thesis?
11. What transitional devices have you used to show development?
12. What specific details have you used to support and/or explain the thesis?
13. What point of view have you used? Is this point of view (use of pronouns) consistent throughout the essay?
14. What verb tense have you used? Is this tense consistent throughout the essay?
15. How does your conclusion reflect the thesis?
16. Is there variation in sentence structure?
17. Does each sentence connect logically to the previous sentence? What specific transitions have you used?
18. What strong nouns and verbs have you used, as opposed to weak and general ones?
19. What vivid writing have you included?
20. What excessive adjectives, adverbs, or details could you omit?

Remember, avoid the 2nd person point of view!! How can you address the concerns of your audience and communicate your ideas to the audience without the use of the pronoun "you" in any of its forms??? Think about it. You can do it!!