

Essay Response Checklist

The following aspects of this paper tend to detract from its effectiveness. Please note the aspects are listed in roughly descending order of importance. See also the marginal comments I've written on the paper for specific suggestions or notes. Note: I may not mark all errors; after I have marked several errors of one kind, I will stop marking them.

When you revise this paper, I would suggest working on the following elements:

___ Amount of support
 ___ adding more quotations from the text(s) being examined in order to demonstrate the arguments
 ___ adding more research (if assignment calls for research)

___ Use of outside materials:
 ___ reducing "dumped" quotes
 ___ improving grammar when incorporating quotations into sentences
 ___ fair identification of source material (quotes or paraphrase)

___ Clarity of content
 ___ Amount of analysis
 ___ Focus (thesis) of essay
 ___ Thesis statement
 ___ Depth of content

___ Length of paper, by adding either more sections or more detail to existing sections
 ___ Concluding paragraph

___ Organization (structure/arrangement) of paper
 ___ Effectiveness of paragraph structures
 ___ Transitions between ideas or between paragraphs

___ Style-varying lengths and patterns of sentences
 ___ Style-varying methods of incorporating quotations into sentences
 ___ Reducing "clutter" or "fat" in sentences
 ___ Incorporating more precise/clear wording or sentences
 ___ Incorporating fresh word choices

___ Grammar. Specifically: ___ comma splices; ___ fragments; ___ subject-verb agreement;
 ___ pronoun agreement; ___ mixed or illogical constructions; ___ dangling modifiers;
 ___ faulty parallelism; ___ fused (run-on) sentences; ___ other:

___ Mechanics. Specifically: ___ commas; ___ semicolons and/or colons; ___ apostrophe errors;
 ___ spelling; ___ quotation marks; ___ other:

___ Documentation. Specifically: ___ Works Cited; ___ in-text citations; ___ correct form/placement/punctuation