

Revision Checklist ARMS

ADD:

What detail could be added to the paragraph or essay? Add at least one sentence to your essay. If your essay is typed, use a red font to add your new sentence, so I can find it. If your essay is handwritten, just write it on the side and draw an arrow to where it goes.

Think: Adjectives, Adverbs, Prepositional Phrases, Transition words, Opinions, Emotions, Sensory/Figurative Language, Dialogue

Remove:

Are their details that should be removed?

THINK: Is there anything that doesn't relate to my central idea?

Is anything unnecessary?

Is anything repetitive?

If you typed your essay, just erase anything that needs to be removed. If you handwrote your essay, just draw a line through anything you are removing.

Move:

Could you move a sentence or word to a better place?

Think: Does each idea belong where it is?

Does it fit the main idea of the paragraph?

Is it in the correct place in chronological order?

This is something that rarely happens in an essay, but if it does:

simply circle the part that needs to be moved and draw an arrow to where it goes if you handwrote your essay. If you typed your essay, use the cut and

paste function to move it.

Substitute:

Could you substitute a more specific word to replace a vague or common word?

Think: Use the thesaurus to find a word..no words you don't know!

Use an online thesaurus to change at least three words in your paper to a better word. If you typed your essay, change the word to purple after you replace it. If you handwrote your essay, just mark out the old word with a line and write the new one above it.

When you finish, submit your essay again if you typed it. If you handwrote it, email me a photo or turn it in.