

Checklist for revision:

1) Purpose:

What is the essay's purpose? Is it consistent throughout the paper?

2) Thesis:

What is the thesis of the essay? Where does it become clear? How well do thesis and paper match:

Does the paper stray from the thesis? Does it fulfill the commitment of the thesis?

3) Structure:

What are the main points of the paper? List them. How well does each support the thesis? How

effective is their arrangement for the paper's purpose?

4) Development:

How well do details, examples, and other evidence support each main point? Where, if at all, might

readers find support inadequate or have trouble understanding the content?

5) Unity:

Does each sentence and paragraph contribute to the thesis? Where, if all, do digressions occur? Should

these be cut, or can they be rewritten to support the thesis?

6) Coherence:

How clearly and smoothly does the paper flow? Where does it seem rough or awkward? Can any

transitions be improved?

7) Title, introduction, conclusion:

How accurately and interestingly does the title reflect the essay's content? How well does the

introduction engage and focus reader's attention? How effective is the conclusion in providing a sense of

completion?