

Chapter 8: Description – Revising Checklist

THESIS STATEMENT

- ✓ Does the thesis statement contain the essay's controlling idea and an opinion about that idea?
- ✓ Does the thesis appear as the last sentence of the introduction?

BASIC ELEMENTS

- ✓ Does the title draw in the readers?
- ✓ Does the introduction capture the readers' attention and build up to the thesis statement effectively?
- ✓ Does each body paragraph deal with a single topic?
- ✓ Does the conclusion bring the essay to a close in an interesting way?

DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Do the body paragraphs adequately support the thesis statement?
- ✓ Does each body paragraph have a focused topic sentence?
- ✓ Does each body paragraph contain *specific* details that support the topic sentence?
- ✓ Does each body paragraph include *enough* details to explain the topic sentence fully?

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- ✓ Do the essay's topic sentences relate directly to the thesis statement?
- ✓ Do the details in each body paragraph support its topic sentence?

ORGANIZATION

- ✓ Is the essay organized logically?
- ✓ Is each body paragraph organized logically?

COHERENCE

- ✓ Are transitions used effectively so that paragraphs move smoothly and logically from one to the next?
- ✓ Do the sentences move smoothly and logically from one to the next?