

REVISING CHECKLIST

THESIS STATEMENT

- ✓ Where is the thesis statement, and does it have what it needs to have in order to qualify as a good thesis statement – a controlling idea **and** an opinion about that idea?
- ✓ Does the thesis appear as one of the last sentences in the introduction?
- ✓ Does the introductory paragraph capture the reader's attention and build up to the thesis statement effectively?
- ✓ If there is a title, is it interesting – does it tell us something real about the essay to follow? Does it make you want to read the essay?

Suggestions, Comments, Questions

DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Does each body paragraph start with a clear topic sentences that announces the focus of paragraph *and* that links itself back to the thesis statement? deal with a single topic?
- ✓ Does each body paragraph contain enough specific details to support and illustrate the topic sentence adequately?
- ✓ Does the conclusion bring the essay to a close in an interesting way without simply restating what's already been said in the body of the essay?

Suggestions, Comments, Questions

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- ✓ Do the essay's topic sentences each relate directly to the thesis statement?
- ✓ Do the details in each body paragraph support its topic sentence?
- ✓ Is the essay organized logically – does one point seem connected to the next?
- ✓ Are transitions used effectively so that paragraphs move smoothly and logically from one to the next?

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