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Revising Your Own Essay

1. What main point are you trying to make in your essay? The main point I am trying to make in my essay is the difference between staying in Texas vs Florida.
2. Put brackets around the last sentence in your introduction. Does it contain your main point?
3. Rewrite your thesis statement if necessary so that it states your main point and introduces your topics.

**Basic Elements**

1. Give you essay a title if it doesn’t have one
2. Does your introduction capture your readers’ attention and build up to your thesis statement at the end of the paragraph?
3. Does each of your body paragraph deal with only one topic?
4. Does your conclusion follow some of the suggestions offered in Part 1?

**Development**

1. Write out your thesis statement (revised if necessary), and list your topic sentences below it.
   * + 1. Thesis statement:
       2. Topic 1
       3. Topic 2
       4. Topic 3
2. Does your topic adequately support your thesis statement?
3. Does each body paragraph have a focused topic sentence?
4. Do you cover the same characteristics of both topics?
5. Where do your readers need more information?
6. Make two of your details more specific.
7. Add at least two new details to make your comparison clearer.

**Unity**

Read each of your topic sentences with your thesis statement in mind. Do they go together?

Revise your topic sentences if necessary so they are directly related.

Drop or rewrite any of the sentences in your body paragraphs that are not directly related to their topic sentences.

**Organization**

1. Read your essay again to see if all the paragraphs are arranged logically.
2. How is your essay organized; subject by subject, point by point, or a combination of the two?
3. Is the order you chose for your paragraph the most effective approach to your subject?
4. Move any paragraph that are out of order.
5. Look closely at your body paragraphs to see if all the sentences are arranged logically within paragraphs.
6. Move any sentences that are out of order.

**Coherence**

1. Add two transitions to your essay.
2. Circle five synonyms you use.
3. Explain how two of these make your essay easier to read.

**\*MUST BE DONE CORRECTLY OR YOU WILL NOT GET POINTS FOR YOUR ESSAY. EACH QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED AND REVISION OF YOUR ESSAY IS NECESSARY!**