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Directions

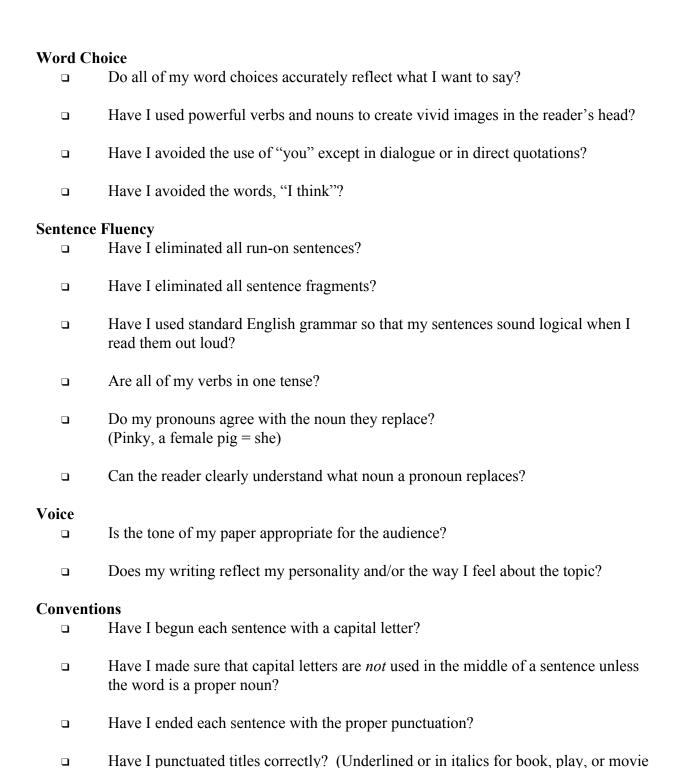
Use the questions below to review your essay. Check off each question after you've answered it to the best of your ability. Staple this checklist to the TOP of your essay.

Ideas

- Does my paper have a clear focus?
- Have I included enough details and specific examples to make my topic understandable and interesting?
- Have I eliminated all unnecessary information so that my paper isn't bogged down in trivia?

Organization

- Does my paper have a title that reflects the main idea? (*Not* "English Essay" or the title of the work of literature I'm writing about.)
- Do I have one or two sentences at the beginning of my essay that grab the reader's attention?
- Is the last sentence of my introduction a thesis statement which tells the reader the main idea of my essay in a single sentence?
- Does each body paragraph begin with a topic sentence, an *idea* that applies to *all* of the information in the paragraph?
- Do all of the details and examples in the paragraph relate to the topic sentence?
- Does each body paragraph end with a concluding sentence that explains how my examples prove my main idea or wraps up the explanation in some other way?
- Does the conclusion of my essay summarize the main points *without* repeating the words and phrases that appear in the body paragraphs?
- Does the conclusion end with a strong statement?
- Do I have smooth transitions between paragraphs and between ideas within a paragraph?



□ Is my essay double-spaced?

Have I used quotation marks correctly?

Are all of my words spelled correctly?

titles and quotation marks for poems, short stories, or songs.)