

Rewriting a Persuasive Essay

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a persuasive essay, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have separated these into groups. Focus on the first group on your first rewrite of the essay, the second group on the second rewrite, the third group on your third rewriting, and the last group when writing your final draft.



Review 1

- _____ Each paragraph has one focus.
- _____ Each sentence in any paragraph relates to that paragraph's focus.
- _____ Every sentence in the paper relates to the paper's topic.
- _____ Your thesis statement is clear.
- _____ There are transition words and sentences for flow.

Review 2

- _____ There are no run-on sentences.
- _____ There are no comma splices.
- _____ There are no sentence fragments.
- _____ There is a variety of short, medium, and long sentences.
- _____ There is a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentences.
- _____ There are no rambling sentences.
- _____ There are no exclamatory sentences. (An interrogative sentence or two is fine.)

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Review 3

- _____ Words are vivid and specific.
- _____ Descriptions address other senses than just sight.
- _____ If possible, include a figure of speech or two (personification can be especially powerful)
- _____ You use the sounds of your words (alliteration, assonance, etc.) to build your tone.
- _____ The paper is titled.
- _____ There is an interesting introduction.
- _____ The conclusion wraps up the paper nicely.

Review 4

- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Any graphs or charts are correctly labeled and referenced in the body of paper.
- _____ If you have a bibliography, it is correctly formatted.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.