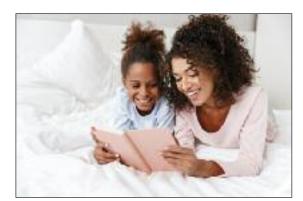
## **Rewriting a Persuasive Essay**

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 locus.   |
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| •        | 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.                              |
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| 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.) |

| •        | Words are vivid and specific.   |
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| •        | 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 you tone.         |
| •        | The paper is titled.  |
| •        | There is an interesting introduction.   |
| •        | The conclusion wraps up the paper nicely.   |
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| 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.                                    |

**Review 3**