

Rewriting a Persuasive Essay

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting your 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 (Factual arguments)

- _____ Most of the paper is devoted to factual argument.
- _____ All facts are accurate.
- _____ All facts relate to the paper's topic.
- _____ The facts are presented in a logical order.
- _____ Each paragraph has a focus.
- _____ The paper is well organized.
- _____ If you have found additional facts, add them now if possible.

Review 2 (Emotional arguments)

- _____ The language of the emotional arguments is well chosen.
- _____ The language is vivid and affecting.
- _____ You know which emotions you're appealing to, and the language reflects this.
- _____ If you've included emotional language with your facts, evaluate whether this is moving or merely appears manipulative.

Review 3 (Opposing arguments)

- _____ Your paper includes any common arguments against your position.
- _____ You address these arguments in a rational, respectful manner.
- _____ You argue sufficiently to refute them.

Review 4 (Final draft)

- _____ The paper has a title.
- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.