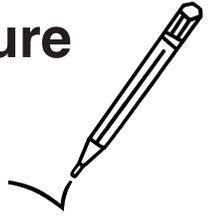


Revise Checklist for a Response to Literature



1. Read your work aloud and listen for any awkward wording.

2. Be certain that you have not written any fragments.

Each sentence needs a subject, a verb, and a complete thought.

3. Circle the first word of every sentence and read these words to your teacher.

Be certain that all sentences begin with a different word.

4. Check the agreement: subject, verbs, and pronouns—singular/plural.

5. Check your verb tense—past/present.

6. Improve at least two verbs. Action verbs have more energy than “being verbs.”

Being verbs = *am, is, are, was, were, be, being, and been.*

7. Add adverbs to improve sentences.

Examples: *suddenly, happily, sadly, unfortunately, etc...*

8. Add adjectives to describe important nouns.

Rule: *No more than two adjectives in a row.*



9. Have different types of sentences.

- Compound (comma + and, but, or, for, yet, or so)—or use a semicolon (;)
- Complex (before, after, since, although, while, as, etc...)
- One sentence with a participial phrase (causing..., making...)

10. Add needed transitions or time connectors.

11. Check that the literary element is noted in the assertion.

12. Check that key words for the element are used throughout the paragraph.

13. Be certain that at least two citations are included.

14. Evaluate your citations; they must each have a clear lead-in.

15. Remember, commas and periods go inside quotation marks.

16. You must use figurative language within the paragraph to describe the author’s writing.

Similes, Metaphors, Personification—must all relate to the author’s topic.

17. Analyze the comments you have written after each citation. Two–three sentences must explain how the literary element is used and its effectiveness.

Comments must contain key words and figurative language.

18. Check your conclusion; be sure it summarizes the effectiveness of the literary element being analyzed. The conclusion must contain key words.

19. Once again, read your sentences aloud and listen for any awkward wording.

Make certain that your sentences are not missing words.

