

Tips for Final Revisions of Essays

Essay I

NOTE: Everyone must produce 3 drafts of Essay I. If you have not yet re-revised, include your re-revision in your portfolio. If you have already re-revised, you have the option of polishing further for the portfolio.

- Does your essay have a main idea (thesis)?
- Polish your sentences—eliminate repetition, choose words carefully, make every word tell.
- Check for grammar and syntax errors such as agreement between singles and plurals and inconsistent verb tenses.

Essay II

NOTE: Everyone should produce 3 drafts of Essay II. Include your re-revision in your portfolio.

- Does your essay have an interesting thesis?
- Polish your sentences
- Does your conclusion make your essay more than the sum of its parts?
- Are sources cited appropriately in your text, in MLA style?
- Is Your Works Cited in MLA Style, including electronic sources?

Essay III

NOTE: Everyone must produce 2 drafts of Essay II. Re-revision is optional.

- Does your essay have an interesting thesis?
- Have you made your essay comprehensible by, and interesting to, educated readers who are not in our class?
- Can readers see why you are interested in the ideas you are writing about?
- Polish your sentences
- Does your conclusion make your essay more than the sum of its parts?

** Remember to include a re-revision cover sheet with re-revised drafts*