

Rough Copy Paragraph Editing Lesson (For poems and stories)

**You need a highlighter and a pen (preferably other than blue or black)

**Take out your completed rough copy and follow the instructions below:

Topic Sentence/ Second Sentence

1. **Highlight** your topic sentence and second sentence. Make sure to catch the reader's interest and that you have indented the first sentence.
2. Make sure that you have the author's name. Then, check that the title is in quotation marks. If you have both, put 2 checks ✓✓ (one by each). If you do not, put an ✗ and make corrections.
3. Make sure you have clearly stated your argument. If you do this, give a ✓ If not, put an ✗ and make corrections.
4. **Length of Paragraph:** Look at your paragraph. If it is approximately 10-12 sentences long, give yourself another check ✓ If not, put an ✗ and add more clarifying sentences.

Body of the Paragraph

5. Read the body of your paragraph. Make sure that your supporting points connect to the topic sentence by referring to your argument. If you have done this, put a smiley 😊 each time you do this. If not, put a "frowny" face ☹️ and make corrections.
6. **Transition Words/phrases:** **Highlight** all the transition words that you've used. Transitions help your argument flow. You may need to add some in the appropriate places to introduce examples, to emphasize or explain points, and to add ideas.
7. **Quoting:** Put a "Star" ★ by each quote (3-4 quotes needed). Check that each is incorporated within a sentence and make sure that your sentence is not a run-on. Each time you have incorporated properly, write ✓Q.I. (correct quote incorporation). If you notice a run-on sentence, put an ✗ R.O. and fix it up!
8. **Explanation/Interpretation:** Make sure that you have interpreted/explained quotations. Tell the reader how they prove your point. Put a ✓ by your explanatory sentences.

Concluding Sentence

9. **Summarize/ Reinforce point:** Make sure that your last sentence is a memorable statement that leaves the reader feeling satisfied. It must restate your argument, but should not repeat your topic sentence. If your last sentence sums up your argument, give yourself a check ✓. If not, put an ✗ and make corrections.

**Make sure that you have made all the appropriate changes. Have another student read your paragraph, make any other changes and suggestions and have them fill out the "Helpful Peer Paragraph Evaluation"