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### Self-Revising/Editing Checklist for Argument Paper

Directions: Follow the checklist below IN ORDER.

Check	Your TO DO List	Proof
	Print a hard copy of your argument paper. You will make the changes below on the hard copy first then on the computer version.	The print out will be your proof for this one.
	Check to see if your introduction has one of the attention getting options from your notes. In the next column, write which type of opener you chose (quote, startling fact, etc).	
	Check to see that your introduction has a bridge that connects your attention getter to your main claim/thesis.	Read it outloud to someone else to make sure it isn't choppy.
	Check to see if you use a variety of sentence types. Review the SENTENCE STRUCTURE part of the rubric.	Make sure that you have commented on each of the required parts as directed in the rubric. I should see COMMENTS on your rough draft.
	Make a "creative" title. Your title should give hint to your claim.	Your title should appear at the top, center of your paper.
	Make sure your spell-check is on. In Google Drive, go to VIEW and then SHOW SPELLING SUGGESTIONS should have a check by it.	Do it.
	Make sure your paragraphs are all indented.	If not, put an arrow where you want to TAB.
	Check your pronouns. You should have NO I-s, You-s, We-s, my-s, or your-s. Only third person pronouns. See your notes to double check. Also, be sure you haven't used too many pronouns. Too many pronouns can be	Circle ALL (yes all) of your pronouns. Cross out any 1st or 2nd person pronouns and replace them.

	vague and muddle your argument.	
	<p><b>Read through the RUBRIC to make sure you have all the required aspects...</b></p> <p>Make sure your</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-claim is BOLD</li> <li>-evidence is GREEN</li> <li>-warrant is RED</li> <li>-rebuttal is BLUE</li> </ul> <p>(This means that everything else--including your reasons and counter claim should just be black)</p>	<p><b>Make a list of the ones you haven't colored yet here:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
	<p>Title your document:</p> <p>Firstname Lastname Argument Paper</p>	It should say this at the top of your screen
	Check in with Ms. Isaacs or Ms. Tuchfarber	Teacher initials here:
	<p><b>TURN IN THIS PAPER... I repeat... TURN IN THIS PAPER WITH YOUR NAME ON IT</b> and your hard copy attached. Please &amp; Thanks.</p>	<b>Do it.</b>

## Argument Introductory Paragraph

The first paragraph should introduce the reader to the topic of your paper, and provide them background knowledge on your topic. Assume that your reader knows NOTHING about your topic.

The introduction consists of three main elements: a hook, building sentences, and a thesis statement. Overall, your introduction should be between 4-6 sentences.

1. Hook--The first sentence (or sentences) of an essay should catch the reader's attention. It introduces the topic of the essay in an interesting way.
  - a. Saying/Startling Fact
  - b. Question (try to do so without using "you")
  - c. An analogy
  - d. Definition
2. Building sentences-- After the hook, the following sentences should provide background information to give readers some context about the topic. They should "build" towards the thesis statement (what your "things" paper is about)
3. Thesis statement (aka CLAIM statement)--The thesis statement comes at the end of the introduction. It is the most important sentence in the entire essay because it presents the paper's topic and the writer's position on that topic.

The purpose of your introduction is to...

1. Create interest
2. Prepare your audience for by giving them context of the ongoing argument
3. Showcase your voice as a writer (Be passionate and generate interest!)