



## Step 6: Revising

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### The Writing Center

Revision is the part of the writing process that involves finalizing the content of the paper. We do this before the editing stage because no one wants to spend time editing paragraphs that may be deleted or rewritten. Revising involves finalizing the thesis statement, checking the organization, making sure the requirements of the assignment are met, and other things. This is a very important stage, so don't try to rush it!

Either print or save two extra copies of your draft as some of the markings may overlap and become confusing. The instructions for the following activities will cue you on which copy to use.

### Following Directions – “Did I do this right?”

Re-read the directions and summarize them below. You can also look back at your answers on the Step 1 worksheet.

Do you feel you met all the requirements? If not, what do you need to fix and how will you do that?

### Checking for Paragraph Development – “Does this make sense?”

#### (Draft copy #1)

1. Using four highlighters of different colors, highlight all direct quotes (pink), paraphrases (yellow), summaries (green), and parenthetical citations (orange).
2. Now look back at the paper. How much text is left uncolored (white)? What is the white text? Answer here:
  - a. Do you have a lot of white text?
  - b. Do you need to add more colored text (evidence) or more white (your ideas and explanations)?
  - c. Where would you add these things? Make notes on your draft of where to add or delete.



2. Transitions

- a. What are transitions? Write a definition and a few examples below.
  
- b. Underline all of your transitions. Do you have one between every idea? If not, should you add some? Do the existing transitions need improvement?

3. Read your introduction and conclusion.

- a. Do they reflect your paper?            YES    NO
- b. Are they interesting and effective?    YES    NO
- c. What strategies have you used? Look in your handbook for additional ideas.  
What can you do to make your introduction and conclusion more interesting to your reader?