ESSAY REVISIONS

**ORGANIZATION**

**Paragraphs**

Question 1: Do I have paragraphs? yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you answered no, go back in and indicate where your paragraphs belong! A new idea = a new paragraph.

Question 2: Does the beginning (the introduction) make the reader want to keep reading? yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_ If you answered no, go back in and make your introduction inviting; spice it up a bit!

Question 3: Is the conclusion satisfying? yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

If you answered no, go back and add to your conclusion. Leave your reader with that finished feeling.

Question 4: Do you have transitions in your paper that help the reader follow from one part to the next? **Please circle any of these transitions in your paper**:

For example, for instance, nevertheless, moreover, furthermore, similarly, also, in addition,

If you do not have at least 3-4 transitions in your paper, add them now.

Please list the transitions found in your essay:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

Do you have a comma after all of your transitions? If no, place a comma there now, please!

Question 5: Do you have dialogue in your essay? If not, you may consider adding some now.

**IMPORTANT: A NEW SPEAKER = A NEW PARAGRAPH!!!** Please see the example below:

Mrs. Beeler was talking to us about organization. She was going on and on, and I wasn’t really paying attention to her.

“Are you trying to sleep while I’m trying to teach, buddy?” she said slightly annoyed.

“Woall, no! I wasn’t doing anything!” I replied definitely irritated.

“That is precisely my point,” she said. “I’d like you to revise your paper. Thank you!”

Question 6: Are your ideas and details placed in an order that makes sense to the reader?

yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_\_ If no, please rearrange those details now so they do make sense.