

Revising Questions for Rough Draft Literary Analysis Papers or Research Papers

Directions: Answer the following questions below about your draft.

1. Write your thesis here and the prompt you're responding to:
2. Does the thesis pose an argument that responds to **the prompt**? If so, what is the argument? If the thesis is not posing an argument, what are some questions you can ask to help them form an argument about the topic?
3. Is the argument specific? How so?
4. Does the thesis have a "so-what?" statement? (Why the argument is important)
5. Is the thesis clear? Are you confused after reading the thesis? If so, please state why and what needs to be clarified.
6. Write your topic sentence for the first body paragraph below:
7. Is the topic sentence of the first body paragraph a supporting argument for the thesis? If it is plot summary (if a literary analysis paper), try to figure out what the supporting argument is. Ask yourself what the body paragraph is trying to prove (make sure this relates to the thesis). The

body paragraph's supporting argument should be stated in the topic sentence. THE TOPIC SENTENCE SHOULD BE ARGUABLE.

8. Is the body paragraph following the C.E.E. unit organization structure? (Claim, evidence, and analysis)?

9. Do the claims in the paragraph further the argument made in the topic sentence?

10. Is evidence (quotations from the story and/or research, secondary sources) being provided to support each claim in the paragraph? Is this evidence being properly integrated and cited?

11. Is the evidence being analyzed to explain how it supports the claim?

12. Does the essay seem to be well-organized, analytical, argumentative, and coherent?