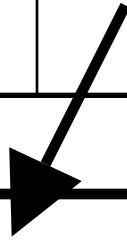


Revision Checklist for the Accordion Essay

Mechanics	Organization	Voice	Ideas & Content	Effective Word Choice	Sentence Fluency



FORMATTING:

- _____ Do you have a creative title for your essay?
- _____ Is your name on it?
- _____ Have you typed or copied your essay in ink using only the front side of your notebook paper?

INTRODUCTION:

- _____ Have you “dressed up” your introduction? (optional)
- _____ Does your introduction have a thesis statement?
- _____ Does your introduction have an obvious or implied projected plan?

BODY:

- _____ Do the topic sentences of the body paragraphs begin with transitions?
- _____ Did you consider “varying and burying” your transitions?
- _____ Do you have 4 or more supporting E’s (explains, examples, evidence, etc.)?
- _____ For more sophisticated writing, did you “slide” in quotations?

CONCLUSION:

- _____ Does your conclusion begin with a closing word?
- _____ Does your conclusion restate your thesis in a new way?
- _____ Have you considered using some of the other hints for writing a conclusion?
- _____ Is your conclusion at least 3 sentences long?

Now go back and consider the 5 other writing traits that make writing effective: mechanics, voice, ideas and content, effective word choice, and sentence fluency. Remember that the accordion essay will make your organization strong, but it will also be necessary for you to revise the other writing traits.

