

Revising Your Papers Independently: Questions

1. Look back over the assignment. Does your essay fulfill the requirements?
2. What is the controlling idea of your essay? (This should not be a well-known fact or insupportable opinion).
3. What do you hope your readers will think/feel after reading your essay? What will you change in the next draft to strengthen this effect?
4. Is your controlling idea supported in each paragraph?
5. Describe in detail how your paper is organized. Why did you choose to structure it in this way? What are the changes you will make in the next draft?
6. Did you proofread your essay, checking for errors of grammar, spelling, syntax and punctuation? What patterns of error do you notice that you can watch for in the future?