

Essay 6 Mandatory Revision

Assignment: Picking from essays 1 through 4, revise, reorganize, and develop the essay you received your *lowest* grade on this term. Use this as an opportunity to not only fix errors in that essay but also improve that essay in ways that are not marked on your text. To encourage you to think of revision as a process of development and reorganization, you **are required to add at least one paragraph** to your original essay. Thus, if your original essay was six paragraphs long, your revised essay must be at least seven paragraphs long.

If your revision earns a higher grade than the original, that higher grade will also replace your original grade. For example, say you originally received a 50 on essay one. If you revise essay one and earn an 85 on the revision then your grade for essay one will also be raised to an 85.

Content Requirements:

1. Write a cover page that contains your name, class time and number, and the assignment title. Under that, **cut and paste your professor's comments on your essay from turnitin.com** onto your cover page. Under those copied comments, **write at least one paragraph in which you describe in detail how you revised your essay in response to your professor's revision suggestions as well as what you revised on your own beyond those suggestions.** Be precise; if you reorganized your essay, explain how you did so; if you added textual evidence, explain what you added and where; if you fixed comma splices, note not only that you did so but also how many you fixed; if you rewrote a transition, explain where you did so; etc. (part of your revision grade will be based on the precision and specificity of this paragraph).

2. Put your cover page before the text of your **revised essay** separated from your revised text by a **page break**; your revised essay must follow the content and format instructions specified in the original assignment.

3. Document your revisions. Within the text of your revised essay, underline every part that you changed. Underline the new paragraph/s you wrote. If you changed a verb tense, underline that verb; if you added a comma, then underline that comma; if you added or rewrote a sentence, then underline that sentence. Obviously, you cannot underline things that you deleted, so if you cut or deleted any part of your essay, put in a *footnote* indicating where you made the cut and, in the text of the footnote, describe what you cut.¹

4. Submit your revised essay (with underlines, footnotes and cover page) to the Essay 6: Revision folder in turnitin.com.

If you submit a revised essay but do not complete all of the above four steps, your revision will not receive full credit.

Content:

- When you submit your revision, **it must contain the following in the following order: 1) cover page; 2) revised essay with underlining and footnotes.**
- Your revised essay must follow the content instructions of the original assignment.

Format:

- Your revised essay must follow the format instructions of the original assignment.

¹ This is a footnote. Put your footnotes at the bottom of the page.