Essay Checklist

Use these questions to proofread your own and your classmates’ essays.

1. Is your introduction interesting and capable of engaging your reader? Does it contain a clearly stated thesis?

2. Does each paragraph have only one main idea?

3. Are the main ideas developed by factual details, concrete details, examples, reasons, etc.?

4. Do you use transitions to bridge paragraphs?

5. Is each main idea in the composition related to the topic as a whole?

6. Does your essay follow a logical order? Does its organization make sense?

7. Is your final draft free from errors in capitalization, punctuation, sentence structure, spelling, word choice, and grammar?

8. When you use a title, is your title interesting and suggestive of the main idea of your essay?