SELF-EVALUATION

Use the following checklist to evaluate and revise your essay. Make sure to look carefully at each paragraph. Make changes to your writing as you answer each question.

_____ What is the thesis statement of the essay? Draw a box around it.

_____ Do my topic sentences all support the thesis statement?

_____ Do I have clear topic sentences? Underline them.

_____ Do my details support my topic sentences?

_____ Are any of my sentences unnecessary or off topic? If so, cross them off!

_____ Are there any details that are irrelevant to my thesis and/or topic sentences? Cross out irrelevant details

_____ Do I provide enough information to convince my reader? Try to imagine you are a hostile reader.

_____ Do I provide good supporting details as evidence for my argument?

_____ Have I considered possible counter-arguments?

_____ Do I need to add more examples or details?

_____ Are my sources reliable and unbiased?

_____ Do I have transitions between paragraphs?

_____ Do I use transitional words and phrases in each paragraph?

_____ Do I make any of the grammatical errors I’ve been working on in class?

_____ Did I run spell check and proofread word by word?

_____ Did I read my essay out loud and/or backwards?