**Expository Essay Revision Checklist***Remember this is a 100 point summative grade. Seriously consider each of these suggestions as you revise your essay. They address the specific parts of your essay that I will be paying attention to when I grade it!*

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| **Ideas/Content** | Each body paragraph should have 2-3 key ideas. Do yours? |  |
|  | Each key idea needs to be followed by a supporting detail? Are yours? |  |
|  | Are your introduction and conclusion paragraphs at least 3 sentences long? They should be! |  |
|  | Does your whole essay have 5+ paragraphs? |  |
|  | Is your essay at least 1.5 pages in length? (It probably doesn’t include enough details if it’s shorter than that…) |  |
| **Organization** | Can you identify your thesis? |  |
|  | Does every paragraph’s main point support your thesis? |  |
|  | Have you used transitions between paragraphs to help the reader see how your ideas connect? |  |
| **Word Choice/ Voice** | Have you used “you” or “your”? Search using the following: CTRL+F (on a PC) COMMAND+F (on a Mac)  That will highlight it for you. Change them to 3rd person! (People, they, them, someone, students, etc.) |  |
|  | Reread your essay and “amp up” at least 3 words in each paragraph.  Some specific words to look for and change: good, bad, things, stuff, cool, nice, said, went, got, get |  |
|  | Delete the following phrases from your essay: “I believe” “I think” “In my opinion” |  |
| **Sentence Fluency/ Conventions** | Your essay should be DOUBLE SPACED! Is it? |  |
|  | Use spell check! Then proof read for the mistakes spell check didn’t catch. |  |
|  | Are your sentences different lengths? Long and short? They should be! |  |