

Excerpt of 6 Traits Annotated Revisions

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The following revisions will help bring clarity, substance, logic, focus, mechanics, and grace to your writing

Ideas = I

1. Unclear main idea
2. Repetitive idea
3. Random or irrelevant idea
4. Too many ideas
5. Lacking detail
6. Vague detail
7. Unintentional contrast
8. False contrast
9. Faulty connection
10. Obvious / self-evident statement
11. Undeveloped theme
12. Overemphasis
13. Logical weakness
14. Change of standpoint

Organization = O

1. "Blah" lead
2. Unclear, random, or lacking engaging lead
3. Lacking transitions between ideas
4. Confused sequence of ideas
5. Pacing is off -- too fast or too slow
6. "Blah" conclusion
7. Unclear, random, or lacking satisfying conclusion
8. Awkward or unnatural order of words
9. Mixed category

Word Choice = WC

1. Word lacks energy
2. Passive verb (is/am/are/was/were/will be/has been/had been/being/there is/there are/it is)
3. Repetitive word
4. Vague word or phrase
5. Misplaced word or phrase
6. Misuse of a word
7. Inappropriate word or phrase for voice
8. Distracting word
9. Too wordy