

Taking Another Look Self-Editing Super Seven

Name: _____

Why self-edit? To enhance your writing

The Super Seven:

1. Before reading your selection, write a sentence telling what it is mainly about _____

Now, read your selection. Does the sentence above reflect your writing? _____ If not, revise your writing.

2. Some information is more important than others in your writing. Draw a box around the most important part of your selection. Does this reflect what you want your writing to be about? _____ If not, revise.

3. Details help create mental pictures for readers. Look at the details in your writing. Give an example of an interesting or unusual detail you included: _____

4. Organization helps lead readers through your writing. Is your writing organized in a way that is easy to follow?
What is your lead? _____

Is it engaging? _____ If not, revise.

What is your ending? _____

Is it satisfying? _____ If not, revise.

5. Varied sentences help your writing sound natural. Choose ten sentences to examine. Write the first words and the number of words of each sentence below.

| <u>Sentence</u> | <u>First Word</u> | <u># of Words</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | _____ | _____ |
| 2 | _____ | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | _____ |
| 4 | _____ | _____ |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |
| 8 | _____ | _____ |
| 9 | _____ | _____ |
| 10 | _____ | _____ |

6. Words are the foundation for your writing. Good foundations are built on specific nouns and strong verbs. Make a list of specific nouns and strong verbs you used. Revise to add more.

| <u>Specific Nouns</u> | <u>Strong Verbs</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

7. Conventions are courtesies to your readers. Check to make sure capitals, punctuation, and grammar are used correctly. Circle words that may be misspelled. Use a dictionary to verify their correct spelling.

Be your own best friend: Self-Edit