

Checking My Own Work: Persuasive Name _____

Write "YES" or "NO" in each box after rereading your **FIRST DRAFT** many times.

Materials: You will need a partner, highlighter, and several colored pencils.

Focus	Is your essay an expository essay? Yes or No? _____	Did you choose a good topic ? Read it to your partner and see if he or she agrees it's a good topic. Yes or No? _____	Does your story have one main idea - one statement of belief - at the beginning? Yes or No? _____
Organization	Did you plan your essay so it would be in logical order? Yes or No? _____	Do you have one reason in each paragraph? Yes or No? _____ <u>Underline</u> the reason in a color. Draw the color here:	Does your story have a closing statement ? Yes or No? _____
Support and Elaboration	Does your essay state 2-3 reasons why you feel the way you do? Yes or No? ____ Mark the paragraph where you have your most developed reason with a MDR in the margin.	Do you explain your reasons using supporting details ? Yes or No? _____ Mark your examples with (SD) after them.	Do you explain your reasons using developing details ? Yes or No? _____ Mark your feeling sentences with an (DD) after them.
Making sense	Is the reasoning logical to your partner? Yes or No ? _____	Did you use some sentences that sound like you ? Yes or No? _____ Use a highlighter to highlight your "voice."	Did you help the reader by using a variety of transition words ? Yes or No? _____ Underline your transitions in another color:

FINAL DRAFT OR PROMPT WRITING

Grammar & Mechanics	Find your verbs and underline them. Are they all in the same tense? Yes or No? _____ If no, change the verbs so that they all are in the same tense.	Have you used specific nouns (instead of "it, he, or she," for example)? Yes or No? _____ Read through your paper and change any pronouns that you think may be confusing to the reader.	Look at the first word of each sentence. Be careful about starting a sentence with and, but, when, even, so, because or when . Did you fix any sentence fragments you find and make them complete sentences. Yes or No? _____
Spelling	Check your own paper. Is every word spelled correctly ? Yes or No _____ Fix the words you know how to spell. Write the correct spelling above the misspelling.	Ask your partner to read your paper for spelling. Does he/she agree that every word is spelled correctly ? Yes or No? ____ Ask your partner to help you fix the words he/she knows how to spell.	Give your paper to an adult . Does he/she agree that every word is spelled correctly? Yes or No? _____ Ask the adult to help you fix the words he/she knows how to spell.

