Tips for Revising

Achieving New Vision

What is the new “vision” that you have achieved through this re-vision of what you first wrote? What insight or insights do you take away?

(Do you need to do some more research to achieve this goal? Keep in mind that you will have an orientation to Hamilton Library’s research capabilities several hours before your essay is due.)

Title

How does your title (1) forecast the main point of the essay, and (2) make a reader want to keep reading?

Beginning, Middle, End

Does your opening paragraph hook the reader and forecast the contents? Do your ensuing paragraphs stay on topic and transition effectively from one to the next? Does your concluding paragraph leave the reader with a sense of fulfillment—and possibly continued interest?

Paragraph Unity

Does each paragraph develop one and only one point? If not, create new paragraphs, move content to a different paragraph, or simply delete.

Tactic: in the margin next to each paragraph, write the main point. Then re-read to see if each sentence fits.