

Revision Questions for Analytical Essays

Looking at ideas and information (content)

- Is there an identified topic and/or purpose?
- Does the piece stay on topic?
- Is the topic appropriate for the assignment?
- How are the details? Are they adequate, necessary, relevant and related to the paper's purpose?
- Is information accurate and consistent?
- Are the sources listed? Are they reputable?
- Are the ideas conveyed thoroughly and effectively?

Looking at clarity and flow of ideas (organization)

- Is there coherence throughout the piece?
- Does the piece have a logical order that meshes with the topic?
- Can the reader pick out main ideas?
- Are there transitions between ideas?

Looking at support and elaboration (reasoning)

- Is the purpose stated for the audience?
- Are there enough details provided? Are there too many details?
- Did the writer make personal connections to the text?
- Does the writer present any new information or insight into the topic?
- Does the conclusion match with the elaboration provided? Is the conclusion thought provoking?

Looking at language choice and usage (rhetoric)

- Is the selected genre directly tied to the writing assignment?
- Is the format appropriate to the piece?
- Is there an awareness of the audience?
- Is the voice consistent?
- Is the voice appropriate to the piece?

Looking at conventions (standard written English)

- Is the writing fluent?
- Is the writing such that errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and mechanics interfere with the comprehension of the text?
- Is borrowed text cited appropriately?