

## Essay Rewrite Procedure '11-'12

Mr. Greer

Please follow these guidelines if your class **is allowed** to do an essay rewrite for an essay written in class or at home.

### Purpose

Because essay writing is focus of this course, essay rewrites are an additional opportunity for students to demonstrate improvement of their writing skills. Further, these opportunities are a privilege accorded to students at times which means that these will not always be accorded for each and every time a student writes an essay for a mark in Mr. Greer's classes. Students should take advantage of these opportunities, when offered, to help themselves learn. Essay rewrite opportunities are a privilege, not a right.

### Essay Rewrite Guidelines

1. The revised essay
  - a. is due the next time class meets.
  - b. must be typed, 12pt font, and emailed to Mr. Greer before the next class meets.
  - c. must show all textual changes made in **italics**. Mr. Greer will only look at the italicized text when evaluating improvements made in the revised essay. If you delete a sentence or more of a paragraph, keep the original text in your rewritten essay and ~~strike through~~ that text to show that you would delete it.
  - d. will be evaluated on what aspects have been improved by the writer. You should work to improve your essay in **at least two (2) ways or areas**.
    - i. Your essay must contain more than one specific revision in order for it to be checked. This means that you must change more than 1-2 sentences or the topic sentence of a paragraph, for example, in order for it to be reconsidered. Areas which need improvement are identified by Mr. Greer's comments in the original essay and or on the evaluated essay rubric.
  - e. will not be reevaluated in its entirety. Only the problematic areas previously identified on the rubric and or in the original essay will be reevaluated on the revised essay.
2. Both the original essay (1) and the evaluated essay rubric (2) must be placed in the basket at the same time that the revised essay (3) has been emailed to Mr. Greer. If these requirements are not followed and or the modified parts of the rewritten essay have not been **italicized** (4) in the essay rewrite, then the revised essay will not be rechecked by Mr. Greer.
3. Revised Essays and Additional Credit
  - a. If the revised essay shows improvement in **two (2) or more areas**, it will earn additional credit.
  - b. If the revised essay does not show improvement in two or more areas, it will **NOT** earn additional credit.
  - c. This additional credit is usually 10% of the overall test/exam/essay score is added to the score.
    - i. **Example:** A student earned a 70/100 on his unit test and she rewrote her essay portion of the test so that it showed improvement in 3 different areas. It was awarded additional credit. This means that her new test score would be 77/100 because 10% of 70 points is 7 points. The 7 points were added to his original test score after she had shown improvement in at least two areas on her rewritten test essay.