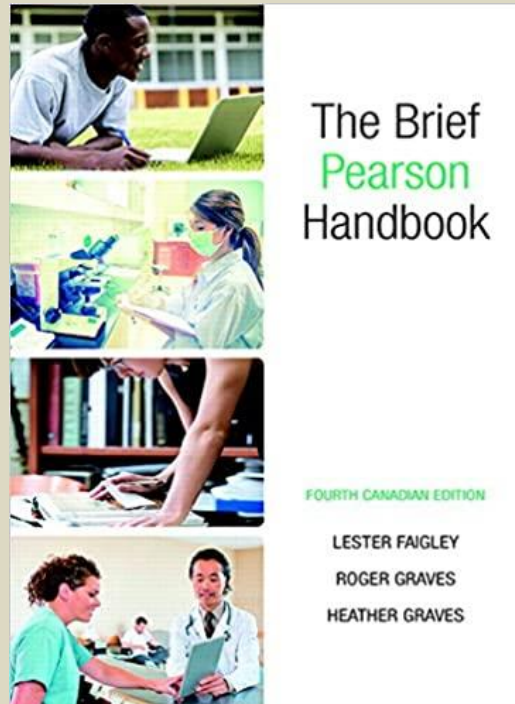


Seven Key Revision Questions



Writing 2101

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Seven Key Revision Questions

- “Does your paper or project do what the assignment asks for?”
 - Analyze? Compare? Contrast? Etc. . . .
 - Length? Format? Resources? Etc. . . .

What are the rules for our essay?

1

Seven Key Revision Questions

- Is your thesis clear/explicit?
 - “In this paper, I argue . . . ”

How else can you make your thesis stand out?



2

Seven Key Revision Questions

- Does each paragraph begin with a clear topic sentence that relates to your thesis?



What are the elements of a good topic sentence?

Seven Key Revision Questions

- Does each argument have equal support?
 - Each argument draws from an equal number of sources
 - Each paragraph is about the same length

What are the elements of a good piece of evidence?



Seven Key Revision Questions

- Is the arrangement of your paper optimal?
 - Is your strongest argument first?
 - Do your arguments build on one another?

How do you know which of your arguments is the strongest?



Seven Key Revision Questions

- Did you anticipate and respond to your critics' arguments?
 - What would someone who disagrees with you say?

How can you uncover counter-arguments?



Seven Key Revision Questions

- Did you give enough background information?
 - Would somebody who does not know anything about your topic be able to read your paper?
 - Did you give all necessary definitions?
 - Did you avoid jargon?
 - History? Key dates? Etc. . . .

How can you determine what background information is necessary?

