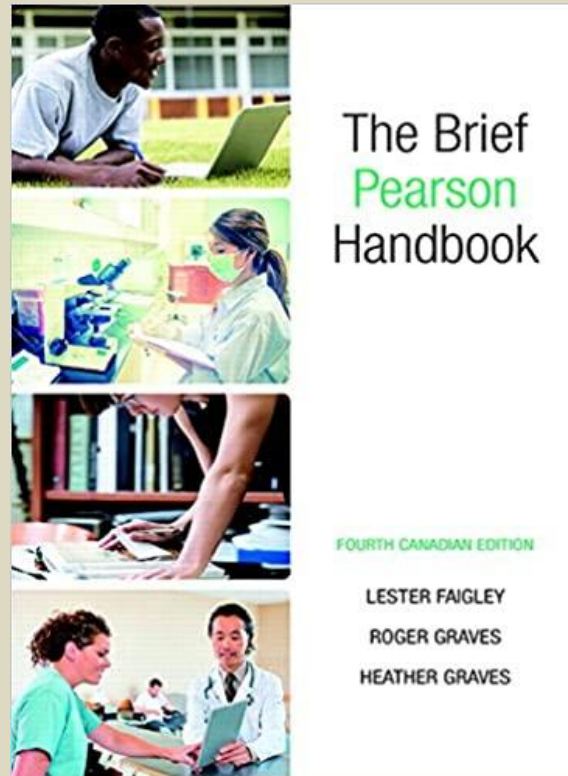


Seven Key Revision Questions



Writing 2101

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Week 10

Seven Key Revision Questions

- “Does your paper or project do what the assignment asks for?”

not included – Analyze? Compare? Contrast? Etc. . . .

↓ – Length? Format? Resources? Etc. . . .

8 pages, expository.

peer reviewed.

hey say, I say.

8 peer reviewed sources.

max length:

no limit.

What are the rules for our essay?

1

Seven Key Revision Questions

- Is your thesis clear/explicit?

– “In this paper, I argue . . . ” ← thesis explicit.

This paper argues

I conclude that

*This paper presents the
argument that*

*Pro's
choice.*

*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 is this para about?

how does the para related to the thesis.

Every para should starts with a topic sentences.

except: Intro & conclusion.

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

→ "5 w 12"

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?
 - Answer the most pertinent criticism.
 - logically coherent.

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?

Counter-arguments.

Search online.

Ask someone else for opposite

idea.

*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?*

