Critical Response Essay: Lower Order Concern Checklist

Use your Critical Response Essay Outline to compose your rough draft and to revise for Higher Order Concerns. This checklist will see you through Lower Order Concerns.

**SAVE EVERYTHING NOW.**

LOCs:

\_\_\_\_\_READ YOUR DRAFT ALOUD🡪 then circle/star anything that sounds off.

\_\_\_\_\_Essay Title = “Critical Response to\_\_\_\_\_\_”

\_\_\_\_\_Contractions (do not use contractions🡪 ex: don’t, isn’t, aren’t, etc..)

\_\_\_\_\_Spelling

\_\_\_\_\_Grammar

\_\_\_\_\_Strong Verbs

\_\_\_\_\_Clarity

\_\_\_\_\_Avoiding Wordiness & Vague Generalizations & Aiming for Concision

\_\_\_\_\_Professional Tone

\_\_\_\_\_Smooth Style and Transitions

\_\_\_\_\_Fixing Comma Splices

\_\_\_\_\_Avoiding Sentence Fragments

\_\_\_\_\_Phrasing (smoothing out awkward sentences)

\_\_\_\_\_Punctuation

\_\_\_\_\_Capitalization

\_\_\_\_\_Formatting!! 🡪 TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, 1” MARGINS, DOUBLE-

SPACED, MLA HEADING.

\_\_\_\_\_\_MLA Citations for your cited source

\_\_\_\_\_Meeting the Word Count

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SAVE: Be sure to keep saving everything!!

*Yay! You finished! Now, start at the beginning of the Revision checklist, and do it again ☺*

* Remember our Assignment Goals!  
  -To rehearse summary, contextualization, essay organization, analysis, and close reading skills

-To rehearse more textured, more dynamic argument styles and strategies  
-To rehearse integrating quotations and MLA citation use  
-To focus on the writing and drafting process and exercise revision and peer-review