**Living Museum Research Paper Editing Checklist**

Please use the following checklist to help you evaluate your writing and see if there are any areas missing.



**As with all writing assignments, no matter which class, when editing, please look for the following:**

WC- Word Choice..could the writer be using stronger, more descriptive words?

Spelling/ Usage – Look for words that are not spelled or used correctly.

Punctuation- Look at the use of periods, commas, question marks, apostrophes, etc.

Capitalization – Look at the use of capital letters in words at the beginning of sentences, in proper nouns, etc.

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**1.Introduction**

Does your introduction contain a **catch**y fact or quote to engage the reader?

 Does it contain a general **background** to introduce your topic?

 Does it contain a **thesis** question or statement about which the entire paper is based?

 Please underline the thesis in the first paragraph.

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* Does each paragraph contain a **topic sentence** which clearly states what the paragraph will be about?
* Do your topic sentences:
  + focus on one main point or idea
  + Relate directly to answering your thesis?
* Does each paragraph contain supporting evidence?

Please place **two underlines for the topic sentence** in paragraph 2 -5 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Citations**

* Does your paper contain **parenthetical references** for any quote, statistic, facts which have not been paraphrased? *example* (Smith 42)
* Have you included a complete **bibliography** written in MLA format?
* Have you printed out your paraphrases from NoodleTools?

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**7. Conclusion**

* Does the conclusion answer the thesis?
* Does it restate the main points of the essay in a new way and give a sense of completion to the essay?
* Does it leave the reader with a memorable last thought about your topic?

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8**. Final Presentation. Does Your Paper Contain:**

* Cover Page
* Typed paper
* Copy of paraphrases from Noodle Tools
* Bibliography