

SELF-REVIEWS

Self-reviews are a very important part of the paper writing process. Much like peer reviews, it allows you to take a new look at your paper and any further edits that need to be made. Below are a list of tips and tricks you can use when you self-review your paper.

1. Read it out loud

a. A great way to check your paper is to read it out loud. Spelling and syntax errors will become more obvious, and you will get a better idea of how well your paper flows.

2. Ask yourself questions

- a. Am I addressing everything in the prompt?
- b. How well does my paper fit the rubric?
- c. Are my paragraphs in a logical sequence?
- d. Do each of my paragraphs connect to my thesis?
- e. Do I have a topic sentence at the beginning of each paragraph?
- f. Do all of my quotes have commentary?
- g. Am I coming to logical conclusions based on my evidence?
- h. Are there any parts that I wasn't happy with that I can revisit?

3. Check the rubric

- a. Cross-check your writing with the rubric to ensure it meets the standards of the professor or style guide, including:
 - i. Topic
 - ii. Organization
 - iii. Grammar
 - iv. Standards for the type of paper you are writing
- b. Additionally, checking notes you have from the professor can be helpful as well.

4. Make clarifications

a. If you have questions, always be sure to go to office hours or send your professor an email.

Finally, always remember that how you talk to yourself during your self-review is important.

Remember, your words matter, and even though the process may be overwhelming, by completing a self-review, you are on the right track!

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