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Step 6: Revising

Fine tune your writing so that it is ready for publication

You've come a long way from that first draft of your writing! Now that the editing is complete it's important to take one last look at your writing and see if there are any final changes you need to make to bring it all together.

The idea in revising is to get the "big picture" of your writing; to be able to read it from beginning to end and make sure that it makes sense, ideas follow in order from beginning to end, and the conclusion is satisfying to the reader.

In revising your work, consider

- Is the introduction interesting, inviting the reader to want to know more?
- Are there places in your writing that leave you hanging and wanting more?
- Are there sentences that don't make complete sense or require a little further explanation?
- Are there places where you go into too much detail and things need to be made more concise?
- Does your author's voice sound clear and consistent throughout the writing?
- Does the conclusion of your writing leave you feeling satisfied?

Once you finish your revision you should review it with your teacher. Once you both agree your work is ready to be published you can proceed to the final step in the writing process!

To make revisions, open your fourth draft from your writing folder and go to FILE and SAVE AS to re-save it as "draft5." Once you have re-saved it you can begin making revisions that you have decided to make. Remember to save your fifth draft when you are finished!

- Mallory