

English 214: Revision 3

It's time to do one more revision. This time, though, instead of picking one previous post to revise, you need to revise both of your existing issue series posts. In particular, you should take this opportunity to rearrange the content and organization of the posts, so that they "flow" together coherently. Once you do your revisions, publish the revised versions of the post on your blog. Then, submit this blog post on iLearn, along with a 300-500 word reflective memo explaining what you did to revise your series and why you did it.

Note: Please do **not** include the words "revision" or "edit" in the titles of the blog post; instead, include a line at the end of the blog post, in italics, that says "*This post edited on April 6, 2012*". Or something like that.

The Revision

At this point, you have several options for revising your chosen post. Please do **each** of these four things as you revise your posts:

1. Rearrange things. Now that you have written both posts in the series, you may perceive that some content should appear earlier, and some of it later. Check out the textbook chapter on "Arrangement" for more ideas about how to organize a longer piece of writing.
2. Add a source (or several). One way to revise and expand a post is to incorporate one or more additional sources. Of course, you want to choose sources that related in some important way to your original post, and you want to synthesize them with what's already there. In other words, don't just tag on new sources, but do the work necessary to put them into conversation with what's already there. Remember, the main point of using sources in blog posts is to do "connective writing."
3. Employ more rhetorical strategies. At this point, you've finished reading the textbook, *Ancient Rhetorics for Contemporary Students*, and therefore should have more tools in your rhetorical toolbox. When you revise your post, consider how you might use *kairos*, stasis questions, commonplaces, common topics, logical proof, ethical proof, pathetic proof, arrangement, and style to make it more successful.
4. Clean it up. Yes, revision is not the same as editing or proofreading, but it never hurts to take some time to make sure there aren't major grammar or spelling errors, and to make sure you're setting the tone that you want. Consider asking a friend you trust to read your posts and point out anywhere you're not being clear.

The Reflective Memo

When you submit the link for your post, you also need to include a 300-500 word reflective memo that explains what you did to revise it. How did you rearrange material in your series? What source(s) did you add? What rhetorical strategies did you include? What did you do to clean it up? Perhaps more important, why did you do these things? How do you think your revisions made the post more successful? You may also use this memo to reflect on the process revising. How did you choose which post to revise? How did you go about doing the revision?

This revision is due by Friday, May 4.