



Revision and Editing Strategies

MSUB WRITING CENTER IN THE ASC

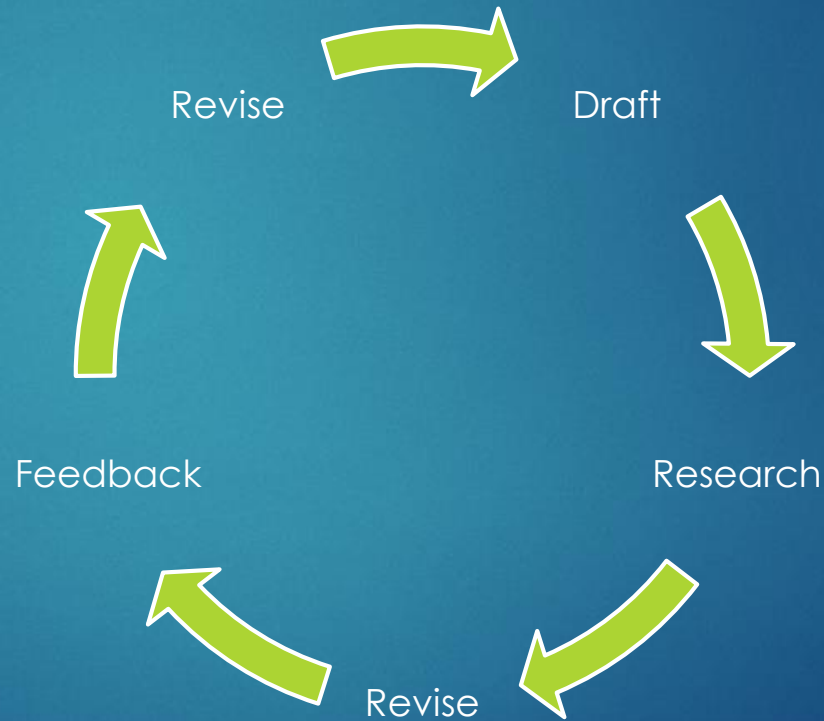
WITH HELP FROM KENNEDY, KENNEDY & MUTH (2017)

What is revision?

- ▶ “*Revision* means ‘seeing again’ – discovering again, conceiving again, shaping again. It may occur at any and all stages of the writing process, and most writers do a lot of it” (Kennedy, Kennedy & Muth, 2017, p. 442).

Where in the... Writing Process are We?

- ▶ Brainstorm
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Draft
- ▶ Get feedback
- ▶ Revise
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Draft
- ▶ Get feedback
- ▶ Revise
- ▶ Submit
- ▶ Get feedback



Macro Revision: Paper- and Paragraph- Level Changes

- ▶ Purpose: Have you refined what you want to accomplish?
- ▶ Thesis: Could you state your main point more accurately?
- ▶ Audience: Should you address your readers differently?
- ▶ Structure: Should you reorganize any part of your writing?
- ▶ Support: Do you need to add, drop, or rework your support?

Macro-Specific Revision Strategies

01

Condense your draft into an outline to check for structure, clarity, and consistency

02

Use PIE or a similar paragraph structure framework to check for consistent structure and incorporation of supporting evidence

03

Consider writing the body of the essay first, then adding the introduction and conclusion.
Have a working thesis statement, but assemble the evidence to support it before finalizing the thesis statement

Micro Revision: Sentence- and Word-Level Changes

- ▶ Emphasis: Can you position your ideas more effectively?
- ▶ Conciseness: Can you spot extra words that you might cut?
- ▶ Clarity: Can you make any sentences and words clearer?

Micro-Specific Revision Strategies

1

Read your paper out loud or backwards

2

Have someone read the paper to you or have the computer read it to you

3

Download the Read & Write software for technology-assisted writing and reading support

4

Prioritize 1-3 usage errors to focus on
Communicate with your instructor for support with this approach

More Revision Strategies

- ▶ Give yourself time
- ▶ Revise in stages – make large-scale changes before small-scale changes
- ▶ Follow the Revision Checklist Handouts
- ▶ Get feedback from a peer, your instructor, and the Writing Center
- ▶ Check everything against your assignment prompt and rubric

Need Help with Revision or Anything Else Writing- Related?

- ▶ City College ASC – Tech Building
 - ▶ 406-247-3022
 - ▶ M-F 8am-5pm
- ▶ University Campus ASC – Student Union Building
 - ▶ 406-657-1641
 - ▶ M-Th 8am-5pm; F 8am-5pm
- ▶ Writing Services
 - ▶ Drop-in support available at both campuses
 - ▶ Online appointments and email consultations
 - ▶ Email: writingcenter@msubillings.edu
- ▶ To schedule an appointment and for more information, visit: www.msubillings.edu/asc/