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**EDITING/REVISING**

## TO START...

- ▶ Print out your assignment
- ▶ Read your assignment out loud
  - ▶ Lookout for things that sound awkward

## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR...

- ▶ Improper or Repetitive Sentence Structure
- ▶ Misuse of Commas
- ▶ Vague/Unclear thoughts and ideas

## TECHNIQUES

- ▶ Varying Sentence Structure:
  - ▶ Pay attention to how your sentences begin
  - ▶ Avoid repetitive beginnings
    - ▶ ex: "The book..." "He does not..."
    - ▶ Occasionally add prepositions
      - ▶ ex: "Despite multiple warnings, he does not..."

## TECHNIQUES

- ▶ Take a sample of your writing:
  - ▶ Count how many words are in each sentence
  - ▶ If they are all similar in length try to add some variation
  - ▶ Look out for repetitive diction
    - ▶ CTRL+F can automate this on computer

## TECHNIQUES

- ▶ Fixing Comma Errors:
- ▶ Avoid Comma Splices
  - ▶ Commas cannot connect two independent clauses without a proper conjunction
    - ▶ ex: and, but, for, or, nor, so, yet

## TECHNIQUES

- ▶ Avoiding Confusing/Unclear thoughts and arguments:
- ▶ Read your article with the perspective of an outsider
  - ▶ Ask yourself:
    - ▶ What am I arguing?
    - ▶ Does this all make sense?
    - ▶ If possible, ask a friend to do this too