

RESPONSE TO LITERATURE

SHORT STORY REVISING

English

Quarter 1, 2015

Revise to organize around your strongest idea.

Review your draft to find places to support your main point. Follow these steps:

1. Circle your strongest point — your most profound insight or the quotations that pulls your response together. Consider moving this point to the end.
2. If you move your strongest point to the end, revise your last paragraph to add a transition sentence that clearly explains the connection between this point and your other ideas.
3. Go back to other paragraphs to link each paragraph to your concluding point. For example, use connecting language like this: *Another example that shows the story's humor is...*

Revise for correct verb tense.

A verb indicates an action or a state of being. Verbs have tenses, or different forms, that tell when something happens or exists. Six tenses in English: present, past, future, present perfect, past perfect, and future perfect.

Identifying Verb Tense

Present indicates an action that happens regularly or states a general truth: *I walk my dog Squeegie every morning.*

Past indicates an action that has already happened: *We walked earlier than usual yesterday.*

Future indicates an action that will happen: *We will walk on the beach this summer.*

Present perfect indicates an action that happened sometime in the past or an action that happened in the past and is still happening now *We have walked here every day for two years.*

Past perfect indicates an action that was completed before another action in the past: *We had walked around the corner when Squeegie started to bark.*

Future perfect indicates an action that will have been completed before another: *We will have walked two hundred miles before I need new shoes.*

Fixing Incorrect Verb Tense To fix an incorrect form of a verb, first identify any questionable verbs in your review. Then, verify the correct form using one of the following methods.

1. Review the 6 tenses. First identify the time — present, past, or future — in which the action occurs. Then, review the examples above to determine which form corresponds with that time.
2. Rewrite the sentence. Consider which verb tense will make your idea as precise as possible. Revise using that tense.

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SHORT STORY EDITING AND PUBLISHING

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Editing and Proofreading

Spell tricky words correctly. The syllables in some words are barely heard, and there are many silent letters. Because of this, letters are often left out in spelling. Double-check the spellings of words. Below is a list of often misspelled words, check these as well as others!

Beginning	This, These	Believe
Especially	To, Too, Two	Weather, Whether
Special	Fell	
There, Their, They're	Feel	

Publishing

You've spent this quarter reading and analyzing this literature, and now you have finally written something talking about it...people certainly should see what YOU THINK! Share your review by publishing it to your blog page.

Create a new blog entry on your blog.

Title: "Story Title Here" Review

Body: Paste your review in the entry and adjust the formatting to make it easy to read and follow.

Image: Include an image that relates to the story or the main topic you focus on.

Reflecting

Reflect on the process you went through to create your final piece.

1. What was the most challenging part of writing your response?

2. How did working through the writing process step by step help you create a more "polished" piece of writing?

3. How did writing about the short story help you to understand it?