INTROSPECTION

The importance of self-editing in the revision process

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Revision:
Tutors vs. Personal Process

• Tutors are a really important part of the revision process. But some revision, editing, and drafting has to come from you as the writer.

• After you left the writing studio, what is your next step to improving your paper?
Why Self?
Why revision sometimes needs to come from the writer

**Importance of Tutor**
- Outside source
- Unbiased
- Unfamiliar with the text
- Fresh eyes
- Different perspective
- Experienced in revision
- Helps you if your stuck and your own ideas are no longer enough

**Importance of SELF**
- Can’t always rely on others to fix mistakes
- Helps to master issues of grammar/syntax
  - Strengthens critical reading skills
- You know your piece better than anyone
- Helps you understand your weaknesses as a writer and improve them
- Writers have a particular motivation to produce the best work for themselves
  - Introspective process

Though tutors are a valuable resource, it is very important that, as a writer, you self-edit as well. You need to learn to use your own skill and your own eye, instead of only relying on others.
Bringing Tutoring Home:
Methods you can use with yourself on your own writing

- Reverse outlining
- Cutting and pasting
- Reading aloud
- Roadmaps
- Paramedic method
- Tag Clouds
- Making multiple drafts

These techniques are usually suggested for a tutoring session, **BUT** why not try them all your own?
Order of Concerns: From high to low

**HOC**
- Thesis
- Plagiarism
- Evidence and claim support
- Organization
- Purpose
- Use of Sources

**MOC**
- Writing Style
- Topic Sentences
- Passive Voice
- Engaging vocabulary
- Cohesive
- Flow

**LOC**
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Spelling
- Tense errors

After you write your first draft, what should YOU consider in your revisions?
Other Tips to Remember:
Details for working with your own writing

- Put some distance between you and your work
- Limit your first edit. Don’t try to solve every problem on the first revision
- Feel free to make a 2nd, 3rd, or even 7th draft
- Know yourself
- Know your goals

**Striking a Balance: case study**

When I write a paper, I print it out, read it aloud, make edits, and print it out again. Then I bring it to a tutor who gives me their edits. I then complete the cycle – print, read aloud, and edit – over and over until the paper is complete.