

Mr. Kerr's
ESSAY EDITING SYMBOLS

POSITIVE:

BAM: Knock out point, awesome sentence

+: Great work ~ Iffy, suspect, issues

✓ Solid effort HC Historical Content, Creative History

CONSTRUCTIVE:

CONTENT/?: Historical inaccuracy, questionable point ?, Huh?, made it up

COMMAS:

A: Introductory Phrases “In the beginning,” “However,”

B: Conjunction - comma precedes “and”, “or”, or “but”

C: Appositive “The man, who lived in Germantown, taught at GFS”

D: Series or List “I like apples, bananas, kiwis and oranges.”

E: Delete unnecessary comma

RUN ON: You have failed to put a period or semi-colon between two sentences.

FRAG: Sentence fragment.

VT: Verb Tense. Your verb tenses are inconsistent. Check the tense throughout the paragraph

AGREE: Your nouns, pronouns, verbs are not in agreement.

kerr: Capitalize proper names or the first word in the sentence.

// CONST: Parallel construction. The items in a list are not written using the same grammatical construction.

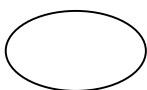
REP: Repetition in a sentence or a paragraph

WDCH: Word Choice. Try to think of a better word than the one underlined.

~/AWK: Awkward phrasing. Think of a better way to write it.

SP: Spelling error.

¶: Begin a new paragraph here, or combine two small paragraphs.



Anything circled needs to be changed or deleted. Watch for words like “things” - indefinite pronouns – “this” “that” “it” weak transitions – “other” “another” “also”. Only 3rd person formal, NO “I”, “We”, or “You” Never use contractions – “Didn’t” “Couldn’t”