

English Language Arts Writer's Checklist

As you write your essay, remember these important points.

Content:

- Read the instructions, the writing task, and the passage, and respond as directed.
- Present a clear central idea.
- Give enough details to support and develop your central idea.
- Use well-chosen information from the passage in your essay.
- Present your ideas in a logical order, and include an introduction and conclusion.
- Write an introduction with a thesis, at least two body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

Style:

- Use words that express your meaning well.
- Write in complete sentences and use a variety of sentence types and lengths to make your writing easy to follow.
- Use a variety of sentence beginnings
- Use transitions and signal verbs

Sentence Formation:

- Write complete and correct sentences.

Usage:

- Write using appropriate subject-verb agreement, verb tenses, word meaning, and word endings.

Mechanics:

- Write using correct punctuation.
- Write using correct capitalization.
- Write using appropriate formatting.

Spelling:

- Write using correct spelling.