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Self-Editing Checklist

SCOPE	AREA	CHECKED
Global	Is there an introduction, body and conclusion?	
	Is the purpose of the paper clear to the reader?	
	Is there a clear thesis statement?	
	Are there topic sentences for each paragraph?	
	Does each paragraph flow logically from one to the next?	
Paragraph	Is there one major idea per paragraph?	
	Does the topic sentence relate to all or part of the thesis statement?	
	Are quotations, paraphrases, and/or academic sources used to support	
	the topic sentence?	
	Are quotations integrated with the sentences preceding and	
	following?	
	Are paraphrases clear and succinct?	
	Is there enough academic evidence provided to support the	
	argument?	
	Are the ideas presented in the paragraph logical?	
	Is all supporting evidence appropriately cited?	
Sentence	Agreement	
	Tense	
	Pronouns	
	Style/Tone	
	Punctuation	
Words	Canadian spelling	
	Plurals versus apostrophes	
	Vocabulary	