Definition Revising Checklist

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Use the following checklist as a guide when you revise your definition essay. Add, cut, rewrite, and rearrange information until all of the traits are working effectively.

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| **Do I express a strong IDEA?** |
|  | Did I choose and explain an interesting term or concept? |
|  | Are my details varied and enlightening? |
| **Do I use clear ORGANIZATION?** |
|  | Does the writing contain a clear beginning, middle, and ending? |
|  | Do the middle paragraphs each focus on a different aspect of my definition? |
|  | Are the ideas connected by transition words and phrases? |
| **Do I use my natural VOICE?** |
|  | Do I use a sincere, confident voice? |
| **Do I choose the best WORDS?** |
|  | Are all key words and concepts clearly defined? |
| **Do I create smooth-flowing SENTENCES?** |
|  | Are my sentences effective and varied in length and structure? |