Explanatory Revising Checklist

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Use the following checklist as a guide when you revise your explanatory 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?** |
|  | Do I state my topic or thesis clearly? |
|  | Do I use different levels of details to support my main points? |
| **Do I use clear ORGANIZATION?** |
|  | Does my beginning identify the topic and give my thesis?  |
|  | Do my middle paragraphs support my thesis with important points? |
|  | Does the ending work well? |
| **Do I use my natural VOICE?** |
|  | Does my writing voice sound knowledgeable? |
|  | Does my interest in the topic come through in the writing? |
| **Do I choose the best WORDS?** |
|  | Do I use specific nouns and active verbs?  |
|  | Have I cut any wordiness? |
| **Do I create smooth-flowing SENTENCES?** |
|  | Do all my ideas read smoothly? |
|  | Do I have a variety of sentence lengths and beginnings? |