Historical Narrative Revising and Editing Checklist

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Use the following checklist as a guide when you revise and edit your historical narrative. 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 characters, actions, and descriptions work well? |
| **Do I use clear ORGANIZATION?** |
|  | Does the narrative grab readers’ interest at the beginning? |
|  | Does the narrative build to an effective climax? |
| **Do I use my natural VOICE?** |
|  | Do I use a storytelling voice? |
|  | Does the dialogue sound appropriate to the characters who speak it? |
| **Do I choose the best WORDS?** |
|  | Do I use correct historical terminology? |
| **Do I create smooth-flowing SENTENCES?** |
|  | Do the sentences read smoothly? |
| **Do I use correct CONVENTIONS?** |
|  | Have I checked historical facts? |
|  | Have I checked punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar? |
| **Do I have an effective DESIGN?** |
|  | Have I started new paragraphs for new speakers? |