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Peer Editing for Argument 2

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Instructions: Review each item on the checklist below. Clearly mark all errors on the student's paper.

Sentence Formation

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Read the essay—one sentence at a time—noting errors in punctuation.

1 First, look for and mark run-on sentences.

Remember, when joining **two** independent clauses with a conjunction, you must use a comma before the conjunction (FANBOY).

- **Incorrect:** Many teens text while they drive **and** their actions cause thousands of needless accidents each year.
- **Correct:** Many teens text while they drive, **and** their actions cause thousands of needless accidents each year.

2 Next, look for and mark comma-splices.

Remember, you **cannot** join two independent clauses with a comma. Add a semi-colon, a conjunction, or a conjunctive adverb.

- **Incorrect:** Teens text while they drive, their actions cause thousands of needless accidents each year.
- **Correct:** Teens text while they drive; **consequently**, thousands of needless accidents occur each year.

Grammar & Usage

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Read the essay—one sentence at a time—noting errors in agreement.

1 First, look for and mark pronoun /antecedent agreement errors.

Remember that pronouns and antecedents must agree in number.

- **Wrong:** Parents must consider a **child's** emotional well-being before electing to predetermine **their** sex.
- **Right:** Parents must consider a **child's** emotional well-being before electing to predetermine **his or her** sex.
- **Also right:** Parents must consider **a child's** emotional well-being before predetermining sex.

2 Next, look for and mark subject/verb agreement errors.

Mechanics

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1 Review the essay for spelling and capitalization errors.

2 Check that all literary titles are formatted correctly .

- **Articles** are in **quotation marks** ("Texting and Traffic Accidents")
- **Book titles** are **italicized** (*The Case for Physical Education*)

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Word Choice

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Read the essay—one sentence at a time—highlighting **ALL** hit list words. Remember that our goal in this essay is to establish an assertive and authoritative tone that does not alienate the opposition. Note: you do not need to highlight hit list words in directly quoted passages.

HIT LIST WORDS (avoid in your essay)				
Vague/weak modifiers: Very Little Kind of Sort of Pretty Really Very Extremely A lot / lots of	Slow windups: There is There are There was There were This shows that This means that This is important because In order to Due to / The fact that	Weak nouns: Stuff Something Prepositions: Of About Onto In For into	To-be verbs: am is are was were be being been	Personal pronouns: I Me My We You Our Ours

Verb Tense

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Read the essay, identifying passive voice and present progressive verb tense constructions.

1 First, look for and mark instances of passive voice.

1. Highlight all “to be” verbs (am, is, are, was, were, be, being)
2. Underline the past participle that is next to (or near) the “to be” verb (these usually end in -ed)
3. Move the “doer” into the subject position
 - o **Example:** Countless accidents are caused by teen texting.
 - o **Correction:** Teen texting causes countless accidents.

2 Next, look for and mark present progressive tense constructions.

1. Highlight all “to be” verbs (am, is, are, was, were, be, being)
2. Underline the present participle that is next to (or near) the “to be” verb (ends in -ing)
3. Replace the verb with the simple present tense
 - o **Example:** Animal testing is causing innocent creatures to suffer needlessly.
 - o **Correction:** Animal testing causes innocent creatures to suffer needlessly.

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