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Checklist
The Four Bases of Effective Writing
Use the checklist below to help you write and evaluate an essay.

**Unity**
- Clear opening statement of the point of your paper?
- All material on target in support of opening point?

**Support**
- Specific evidence?
- Plenty of it?

**Coherence**
- Clear method of organization?
- Transitions and other connective devices?
- Effective introduction, conclusion, and title?

**Sentence Skills**
- Fragments eliminated?
- Run-ons eliminated?
- Correct verb forms?
- Subject and verb agreement?
- Faulty parallelism and faulty modifiers eliminated?
- Faulty pronouns eliminated?
- Capital letters used correctly?
- Punctuation marks where needed?
  - Apostrophes
  - Question marks
  - Commas
  - Colons; Semicolons
  - Dashes; Hyphens
  - Parentheses
- Correct paper format?
- Needless words eliminated?
- Effective word choices?
- Possible spelling errors checked?
- Careless errors removed through editing and proofreading?
- Sentences varied?
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