

### Revision Policy

Your success in this course is extremely important to me, which is why I am offering you the opportunity to revise your work. I understand that we are all approaching writing and the act of critically engaging with texts at different levels of experience and comfort, so I hope that you will use this chance to revise not only to get a better grade, but to challenge yourself to improve as readers and writers.

*Re-visioning* means literally to “see again.” As a result, I want you to read over my comments and questions on your work carefully and use them as a guide to re-read your own paper.

Revision is not just about fixing mechanical errors or simply adding a few sentences here and there. Revision often begins with a blank page. In other words, it entails starting afresh and using the essay with my comments on it as a draft to start writing again. Revision is a long and difficult process that entails figuring out what was worth keeping from your earlier draft and, more importantly, what still needs to be added, developed, or elaborated on to make your argument more compelling.

Therefore, you should think carefully about whether you want to embark on this revision process. Since I am giving you the opportunity to re-submit your work, I need you to take this revision seriously. Revised papers that are turned in with only superficial changes will *not* be graded or commented on. *Please do not waste your time or mine.*

#### Guidelines:

- If you decide that you want to revise your essay, you must **compose a letter** in response to my comments on your paper. This letter should outline your understanding of what needs to be improved and why, as well as how you will begin taking steps towards the revision process. The letter must be given to me in hard copy no later than **one week after I distributed the papers.**
- To clarify, if you are revising your essay, it must be a revision of the actual essay you turned in. In other words, you cannot decide to write on a completely different text or respond to another essay prompt.
- Revised essays are due in hard copy to me no later than **three weeks after I distributed the papers.**
- A revised paper grade (if you wish) can **replace the initial grade** you received for the assignment.

\*If you submit a revised essay, please be patient since it will probably take me some time to read and comment on it, especially in light of other grading and responsibilities I have to this class. I will review and return revised essays on a first-come-first-serve basis.