

Coloring Your Story

Mechanics

While carefully re-reading your essay, correct the following errors:

1. Spelling/grammar errors
2. Run-on sentences

Run-on: I am sleepy I am going to bed.

Corrected: I am sleepy; I am going to bed.

Corrected: I am sleepy, so I am going to bed.

Corrected: I am sleepy. I am going to bed.

3. Capitalize the first word of each sentence.
4. Add information to any paragraphs that have less than 5 sentences.
5. Change informal pronouns (I, we, me, us, you) to formal words (people, someone, them, him).

Text Evidence

1. Change the font color of each **introduction to the quote** to blue.
 - For instance, in source #...
 - According to source #...
 - The author of source # ___ says...

Note: You should have a source introduction in EACH body paragraph.

2. Change the font color of **direct quotes** to green. Direct quotes should be relatively short. If yours is long, consider if you could shorten it using an ellipsis. Remember, it still must make sense and connect to the topic if you use an ellipsis.
3. Change the font color of any **paraphrased quotes** to green. Remember, paraphrase means you put the quote in your own words.

Note: For this assignment, you can use direct quotes OR paraphrase the information. You should have either green text in EACH of your body paragraphs.

4. Bold all **transition words** (first, next, finally, in addition, another).

Note. You should have a transition word near the beginning of each body paragraph as well as your conclusion.

5. Change the font color of **topic sentences** to orange. Each body paragraph needs a topic sentence that tells the main point of that paragraph. **Example:** The first effect of the Great Depression was unemployment.

Introduction and Conclusion

1. Change the font color of the **hook statement** to red. Make sure it really grabs the reader's attention.
2. Add background information if you have less than 3 sentences. **Note:** There should be at least 3 sentences.
3. Change the font color of the **thesis statement** to purple. It is important to include all 3 parts:
 - **Restated question:** According to the texts, the Great Depression _____affected the American people by causing
 - **Opinion:** negatively or positively
 - **3 Points:** the three topics chosen for the body paragraphs.
4. Change the font color of the **wrap-up sentence** to light green. This is the last sentence the readers will see, so it needs to be powerful. In a comment, write one sentence that explains what makes the wrap-up powerful (patriotism, call to action, etc.) If it is not powerful, suggest a stronger wrap-up.