Lesson 4: Cast Your Vote!

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi. It's Margaret.

When I'm finishing a piece of writing, I don't get to the end and say, "Okay, all done." I read my writing over and over again, looking for any parts I want to change. Sometimes I read my writing and edit. I look for mistakes like capitalization, punctuation, or spelling. Other times, I read my writing to revise.

Revision is when writers make changes to their writing, like removing parts of their writing, adding new words or sentences, or changing the order of their writing. Sometimes, I write parts over and over, trying to get them exactly right.

Something that can help writers revise is a checklist. When I use my checklist to revise my writing, I read one part of my writing at a time, and I check off each part that I included. Sometimes, I can't check all my boxes yet, and that's okay. I can make changes to my writing and check the boxes as I add more.

After I have everything checked off on my checklist, I read my writing again and sometimes make even more changes. All these changes are revisions. Revisions allow me to make changes so that my writing is exactly how I want it to be.

In today's lesson, you'll use a writing checklist to edit and revise your opinion piece, and then you'll submit it to the Odd Jobs show to cast your vote.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies.

STEP 2

Put your Outline and Idea Bank to the side for now. You can use them at any time while you revise.

Put your Writing Checklist side by side with your Draft.

STEP 3

Find the Introduction section of your checklist.

Read your introduction and check off each of the parts you already have. If any of the parts are missing, you can leave the box blank for now.

STEP 4

Now you can revise your introduction. If any of your checkboxes are not checked, you can add those parts to your introduction and check them off. If you want, you can make other changes to make it sound exactly how you want.

Use the lines that you skipped to write your revisions.

STEP 5

Take a look at the Revision Ideas section of your Checklist worksheet. You can revise your word choice, add descriptions, or create sentence variation. Read the Revision Ideas to yourself.

When you're done, show a quiet thumbs up.

STEP 6

Pick one Revision Idea and revise your introduction using the idea you picked. If you want, you can use more than one idea.

STEP 7

Nice job! Your revisions are making your writing more interesting, and making it how you want it to sound.

Now you'll have some time to revise the rest of your opinion piece. Remember to use your Checklist and Revision Ideas to help you revise each part. Your teacher will tell you how long you have to revise.

STEP 8

Amazing job, writers! Your revisions have made your opinion piece more descriptive and exciting, and how you want it to be. Since this is a draft, it may look a little messy right now, and that's okay.

It's time to write your final draft. Get your Submission Form. Copy your revised Draft onto your Submission Form. As you copy your Draft, correct any mistakes like capitalization, punctuation, or spelling, to create your final draft.

Take your time to make your writing the neatest it can be, and make sure to use the Revision Ideas you marked along the way.

WRAP UP

Writers, you have a lot to be proud of. You learned about and took notes on the jobs of wildlife photographer and voice actor. You planned your opinion piece by writing with an

outline, and you made a draft. After revising and editing it, it's now complete and ready to share with the Odd Jobs show producers. Way to go!

The writing process that you followed is the same writing process that writers use all the time. The next time you're starting on a piece of opinion writing, you can follow these same steps to make your writing clear and convincing for your readers. And now that you have a great opinion piece, you can also share it with others.

Wait—what's this? Writers, you have perfect timing! The Odd Jobs show has just released a new video about the competition.

Get ready, Odd Job Seekers. Your submissions are in, and the results are clear—we're going big. After reviewing the overwhelming response from viewers across the country and reading through hundreds of compelling submissions filled with outstanding reasons and evidence, the producers have decided to feature both wildlife photographers and voice actors.

Your writing convinced us that both jobs absolutely deserve to be showcased together. We're going wild with the amazing world of the wildlife photographer, and then heading behind the mic into the awesome life of a voice actor. Get ready for our most epic final episode ever!

Wow, that's amazing! You and other young writers helped make this happen with all your opinion ideas and creativity. It's going to be such a great episode.

I'll see you next time.