

**DUE MONDAY 12/13 – FINAL DRAFTS ON CLEAN PAPER (TYPED OR WRITEN) AND NOTEBOOKS WITH ALL FINISHED WORK**

**For an A or B – 7 Paragraphs – Intro – Problem – 2 Reasons – 2 Counter Claims – Conclusion**

**12/9 - Editing for Correct Grammar and Diction**

**Language Convention Standards**

1.0 - Written and Oral English Language Conventions means students can write and speak with a command of standard English conventions (rules).

1.2 - Understand sentence construction (e.g., parallel structure, subordination, proper placement of modifiers) and proper English usage (e.g., consistency of verb tenses).

**Parallelism** - Everything separated by commas must be expressed the same way.

Ex. In the newspaper people were complaining about the economy, gave examples of higher prices, and expressing disapproval of the unemployment rate.

- complaining, gave, and expressing are not parallel

- it must be: **complaining, giving, and expressing**

**Verb Tense** - All verbs in a sentence must be written in the same tense, such as, present tense, past tense, progressive tense, or future tense.

Ex. I **went** to the store and **am taking** my time as I **bought** presents.

- two past tense verbs and one present tense (ing) verb do not match

- I **went** to the store and **took** my time as I **bought** presents.

**Subject-verb agreement** - If the subject is singular (or plural), the verb must be singular (or plural) as well. (This also applies to pronouns! Singular nouns need singular pronouns and plural nouns need plural pronouns.)

Ex. **People** in our state **needs** to save water. (**needs** must be changed to **need**)

Plural                      singular

**People** in our state **need** to save water.

**Subordinate clause** - A sentence that begins with: if, when, which, or that (for example) often starts with a subordinate (dependant) clause. The sentence requires a comma after the clause before the independent clause (complete sentence) begins. A subordinate clause within a sentence is often contained by commas.

Ex. If I go outside today, I should dress warmly.