

## Four-Color Editing – Pourquoi Narrative



### Red: Use this color as you examine your ORGANIZATION.

- \_\_\_ My Google Doc title is Pourquoi Narrative by My Name
- \_\_\_ My MLA heading is aligned to the left of my paper with my name, Webb, Pourquoi, and due date.
- \_\_\_ My entire story is double-spaced and my paragraphs/new scenes are indented.
- \_\_\_ I typed in a legible font (Arial/Times New Roman), size 12
- \_\_\_ I used a SWBS storyline to organize my ideas. (somebody/wanted/but/so)
- \_\_\_ I included a clear beginning, middle, and end to my narrative.
- \_\_\_ My sentences vary in length and size. Some are short, medium, and long.
- \_\_\_ I read my story out loud to someone.
- \_\_\_ My title *answers a question*. For example, "How the Ladybug Got Her Spots"

### Blue: Use this color as you check for the DEVELOPMENT of good writing.

- \_\_\_ I opened my story with an entertaining intro. (dialogue, action, unusual statement)
- \_\_\_ I included dialogue.
- \_\_\_ I used SENSORY description words. (sights/sounds/tastes/touch/smells)
- \_\_\_ I consistently stuck with the same POINT OF VIEW. (Either 1st or 3rd person.)
- \_\_\_ I used transition words to keep my sentences interesting and the story flowing.
- \_\_\_ I included figurative language (simile, metaphor, alliteration, etc)
- \_\_\_ I offered an extended ending (an A-HA moment) which relates to my title.

### Black: Use this color as you check your CONVENTIONS.

- \_\_\_ I have checked my grammar by copying/pasting my work on [grammarly.com](http://grammarly.com).
- \_\_\_ I have checked my homophones. (their, there, they're, your, you're, too, to, etc.)
- \_\_\_ All of my proper nouns are capitalized. (names, places, events, holidays, etc)
- \_\_\_ I checked for capital letters at the beginning of all my sentences.
- \_\_\_ I used a variety of transition words and introductory phrases to help my sentences flow. (Early that morning, later that day, as the sun set below the mountains, etc)
- \_\_\_ I have checked for incomplete and run-on sentences.

### Green: Use this color to review your REVISION practice.

- \_\_\_ I SUBSTITUTED better vocabulary by using a [thesaurus](#) or dictionary.
- \_\_\_ I TOOK OUT things that made me sound "wordy" or words that were overused (great, like, amazing, excellent.)
- \_\_\_ I ADDED IN better detail or better transitional words.
- \_\_\_ I REARRANGED sentences or paragraphs to increase clarity and understanding.