

Six Qualities of Good College Writing

Thesis: The paper has a clear point to it, a claim about the topic which challenges readers to think and understand more than they already know about the topic.

Organization: The paper provides clear support for the paper's main point, while breaking that support into different parts and approaches. A well-organized paper flows easily and logically from one paragraph to the next, always relating parts to the main thesis by direct statement or clear implication.

Development: Paragraphs continue long enough to make ideas clear, interesting, and convincing to readers.

Specificity: Important ideas are supported in specific terms, fresh details, and concrete examples.

Responsiveness: The paper responds thoroughly to all terms of the assignment and is aimed at the appropriate audience.

Presentation: The paper has been edited to sharpen expression, refine transitions, and emphasize through style the paper's best points. The paper has been proofread and checked for formatting, presenting the student's best effort.