**Sophomore Speech Essay Checklist**

1. Reread assignment sheet
   1. Did you include philosophy mention?
2. Reread thesis – clear, debatable, narrow?
3. Reread hook – attention grabber? Not cheezy?
4. Audience Test – what is opposition most afraid of (concerned about)?
   1. Remember Odysseus and Nausikaa
   2. Do you address this fear?
5. Support/Evidence – do you provide concrete reasons for everything you claim?
   1. Separate fact from opinion
6. News Test – are you up to date on any news regarding your issue?
   1. Check news sites/papers: nytimes.com, Wall Street Journal, etc.
7. Reread Writing Expectations handout
   1. Check for errors
   2. Conciseness – reread to find opportunities to be more concise.
   3. Parallel Construction – reread to find opportunities to add

Final Essay Requirements:

1. Final essay
   1. Underline thesis
   2. Underline concise revisions (see draft below)
2. Peer Edit Form
3. Draft

* Underline wordy sentences and mark “WORDY”