

Argumentative Final Draft Requirements

- Final Draft must be uploaded by Tuesday, February 3rd
- Must include complete heading and a title
- Must include two text features:
 - About the Author (how the topic relates to you)
 - text feature of your choice

Revision Focus #1:

*Transitions - reread your draft to see where you can add transitions that bring your writing together more effectively

Example 1 - Without Transitions (Not a bad paragraph, but missing transitions)

These days technology does almost everything for us. It keeps our schedules. It remembers our phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It maps out our trips. It corrects our spelling and our grammar. It looks up facts for us. This technological revolution has been a benefit to humanity. The fact that technology is doing so much for us raises an interesting question: Is technology making us stupid?

Example 2 - With Transitions (Includes transitions, which improve the paragraphs' effectiveness)

These days **it seems that** technology does almost everything for us. It keeps our schedules. It remembers our phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It maps out our trips. It corrects our spelling and our grammar. It looks up facts for us. **For many people** this technological revolution has been a **great** benefit to humanity. **For others, however,** the fact that technology is doing so much for us raises an interesting question: Is technology making us stupid?

Revision Focus #2:

*Strong, vivid language - create emotion & empathy within your readers

- strong adjectives
- dialogue
- vivid verbs
- precise details
- emotive language

Types of Text Features:

required!



- About the Author (connected to topic)
 - photographs w/captions
 - timeline w/key events and/or dates
 - illustrations
 - diagrams w/labels
 - maps, charts, graphs
 - dedication/acknowledgment