Reasons for Revision

What should you look for when you revise your paper and other students’ papers? What is really important as a writer? What is less important as a writer? Here are a few things that you should look for as you give some ideas:

1. Audience and Purpose: Help the writer understand their audience and purpose
   1. Is their point of view clear or confusing?
   2. Do they understand the purpose of the assignment or not?
   3. Did they complete all of the requirements of the assignment or not?
2. **Organization: Look at the order of writing and give ideas to make it better**
   1. **Do they have 5-8 paragraphs or not?**
   2. **Are their paragraphs organized?**
   3. **Is there an introduction? Is there a conclusion?**
   4. **Does the order of their writing make sense or is it confusing?**
3. Sentences: Help the writer rewrite some of their sentences to improve them.
   1. Are their sentences complex or just basic, simple sentences?
   2. Are their sentences varied in length and type or are the sentences all the same? Do the sentences often start with the same word?
4. **Ideas: Give the writer ideas for names, places, and aspects of the story that could be better**
   1. **Are their ideas interesting and original or are their ideas cliché and bland?**
   2. **Do they use specific names and places in their writing or not?**
   3. **Is their word choice interesting and does it make sense or do they just use simple, elementary words?**
5. Grammar: Look at the grammar (this is not as important as the other things to correct)
   1. Do they need more or less pauses in their writing?
   2. Do they capitalize words they should or not?
   3. Did they spellcheck their paper?

What should I revise? Organization and Ideas

This legend dates clear back to the late 1800’s when Mollendo, Peru was first founded.  The town was on the coast and abundant with different varieties of fish.  It did not take long for Mollendo to be a fishermans paradise.  After some time Mollendo was not only known for the fishing opportunities, but also for the gorgeous beaches.  The beaches has soft, white and cream swirled sand.  The sand was met with warm, crystal blue water which felt like more like silk than water.

Mollendo started out as a small fishing town, the only people inhabiting it were fishermen and their families.  Then in no time at all people began to pour into Mollendo.  It was almost as if something was drawing people in.  However, no matter how many people came to Mollendo there always seemed to be enough space, especially on the beaches.  Families, friends, and strangers gathered at the beaches during their free time.  It was as if the beach created peace between all people.

During the trip, at exactly midnight the ship had hit a large rock. The family panicked, but accepted the fact that there was nothing they could do. The ship instantly started to sink and within the next hour was completely submerged.

Soon after, Leo’s family alerted the local coast guard, not hearing from their loved ones made them anxious and they feared that they would never hear from them again.The coast guard looked for the family when they came across parts of the ship floating in the water nearby the rock that had caused the ship to sink. Eagerly the coast guard searched underwater to only find Leo, along with Bianca's body. After days of searching they declared Ella’s body never to be found.