Rainbow Writing to Edit your Paper

**YELLOW HIGHLIGHT:** **INDENTIONS**

Highlight your indentions (the space that comes before each paragraph). Follow the rule of thumb!

* If you don’t have paragraphs, decide where your story should switch to a new paragraph.

**ORANGE HIGHLIGHT**: **PUNCTUATION**

* Do you have enough periods? Or do you have run on sentences?

**GREEN HIGHLIGHT: PRONOUNS**

* Are there too many of the same pronoun? Do all your sentences start with “I”?

**BLUE UNDERLINE**: **VERBS**

* Underline your verbs.
* Go back and change your weak verbs to strong words.
* “Said” 🡪 “screeched,” “whispered,” “complained”

**RED CIRCLES:** **SPELLING**

Circle the words you aren’t sure you spelled write. Look them up.

**PURPLE:** **DETAIL**

Places you could add more detail, adjectives, or description.

* Find Find 3 place to improve how you “show” not “tell”
* “I am excited” 🡪 “My heart pounded and my hands shook with excitement.”

**Black**: **WEAK WORDS**

Replace weak words with stronger ones.

* No! No! Words: good, very, said, a lot, bad, happy
* “happy” 🡪 “content,” “joyous,” “cheerful”

Take out texting language

* “cuz” or “cause” 🡪 “because”