Editing Your Writing

**1. Eliminate Banned Words**

**2. Verbs**

**3. Adjectives**

**4. Figures of Speech (simile, metaphor)**

**5. NTSBTS (no two sentences begin the same)**

**6. Opening sentence**

1. Circle all banned words and replace them with a higher level word. (Ie: Slang, cool, sad, like, any IM terminology.)

2. Circle 2 verbs in your story and replace it with one (or two) verbs from the thesaurus.

3. Underline 2 nouns. Think of at least one (or 2) adjectives and use them to describe that object or person.

4. Find an image or situation in your paragraph. Think of something that is similar to it and create a thoughtful metaphor or simile to enhance that section of your writing.

5. Make sure no two sentences begin with the same word

6. Make sure you have an engaging opening that does not repeat the topic.