SUMMER READING EDITING:

* Is there a topic sentence that includes:
* The book title (which needs to be underlined or in italics)
* The author
* A clear indication of the topic/main idea
* Are there transitions where appropriate? (like when a writer moves from one example/piece of textual evidence to the next?)
* Is textual evidence cited? Is it cited correctly?
* Example: When the stage directions indicate at the beginning of that play that Parris’ house “gives off an air of clean sparseness,” the author conveys the unadorned simplicity of a Puritan lifestyle (Miller 3).
* Is there a clincher that:
* Reviews the gist of the paragraph
* Avoids any new ideas
* Did the writer run spellcheck and grammar check?
* Has the writer avoided phrases like:
* This proves that…
* The evidence shows that…
* This states that…
* Has the writer avoided personal pronouns? (*I, me, we, you*, etc.)