

## **This I Believe Essay Revision Plan (15 points)**

**Due: Wednesday April 22, 2009 (on paper, start of main class)**

**Read in Ways of Writing p. 60 – 72.**

**Overview (adapted from Ways of Writing p. 62):** Before you revise, read through your peer review notes, instructor's comments, making a list of feedback. Use your list plus your own ideas for improvement to write a revision strategy, a plan for which issues you'll address and how you'll address them in your final version. Also, consult your Writing Log to help you avoid making common errors in your writing.

Your revision plan should include:

- A bulleted list of specific changes you will make. The level of detail will depend on the nature of the change. Make it clear what you are going to do, but especially for more involved revisions you don't have to say exactly how.  
Examples:
  - Moving thesis statement in last paragraph to my first paragraph
  - Narrowing my belief (thesis) statement to ....<actual new thesis statement>
  - Changing my belief (thesis) statement to ....<actual new thesis statement >
  - Getting rid of global warming content and just focusing on supporting my belief that regularly experiencing nature makes people nicer to each other. I will develop more support for this belief (thesis) statement.
- Bulleted list of suggested changes you are NOT making (if any)
  - state suggestion briefly and say why you are not making this change
- Depending on what comments you received, pick the most appropriate of the following exercises from "Ways of Writing" and turn in your answers to these exercises with your revision plan. Be sure to clearly label your revision exercise answers, including naming which exercise(s) you are doing. Choose from the following:
  - Revising for flow (p. 54)—attach photocopy of your cutup and rearranged essay
  - Revising for style (p. 59)—attach your original and revised paragraph
  - Writing and revising thesis statements (p. 66 & 72)—if comments on your drafts indicate you need help with your thesis statement, do both of these exercises (they are short).
- Be sure to attach the two copies of your paper that were peer reviewed (make sure reviewers' names are on them) and the instructor's graded draft.