**Editing Essays: What are you looking for?**

* Is there a grabber? Is it effective?
* What is topic of the essay?
* What is the main idea?
* Are there sensory details? How many can you find? Are they effective? Can you suggest places for more?
* Is there any figurative language? Is it effective? Can you find a place to suggest more?
* What kinds of emotions/ reactions are featured? Are they easily identifiable?
* Descriptive words and Powerful Verbs-are there a variety of words or are the same words used over and over. Can you suggest places where a better word choice would be more effective?
* Does this narrative flow in a sequential order? Is it clear to understand what is happening?
* What is the “take-away” or the lesson learned? Is there one stated or is it implied?
* Paragraphs?
* Spelling?
* Punctuation?
* Subject/verb agreement? Example-He was here….NOT He were here.
* Pronouns without antecedents? Using He/she/it….etc… without having a noun that the word is referring to.
* Fragments or Run ons?