Basic Revision Checklist

1) **THESIS:**
   - Is your thesis a specific, debatable argument that can be supported with evidence?
   - Does the thesis answer the essay question fully, and does it cover the main points of your essay?

2) **STRUCTURE:**
   - Does each body paragraph support your thesis?
   - Are your ideas in the best logical order?

3) **EACH BODY PARAGRAPH:**
   - Does it have a topic sentence that supports the thesis?
   - Does it have at least one quotation (at least two, one from each work, if the essay is comparing two different works)?
   - Is there an in-text citation for each quotation and paraphrase?
   - Is every quotation followed by a sentence explaining exactly how the quotation supports the topic sentence?

4) **INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION:**
   - Does your introduction move concisely from the general topic toward your thesis?
   - Does your conclusion branch out from your thesis to make a connection, offer an opinion, or ask a question?

5) **STYLE AND MECHANICS**
   - Print a hard copy and read your work aloud to help you slow down enough to catch errors of grammar and style.