

The *art* of Revision



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Quick outline

- 1. The stages of writing**
- 2. Revision, editing and proofreading: how are they different?**
- 3. Quick tips on revising essays**
- 4. Common editing issues**

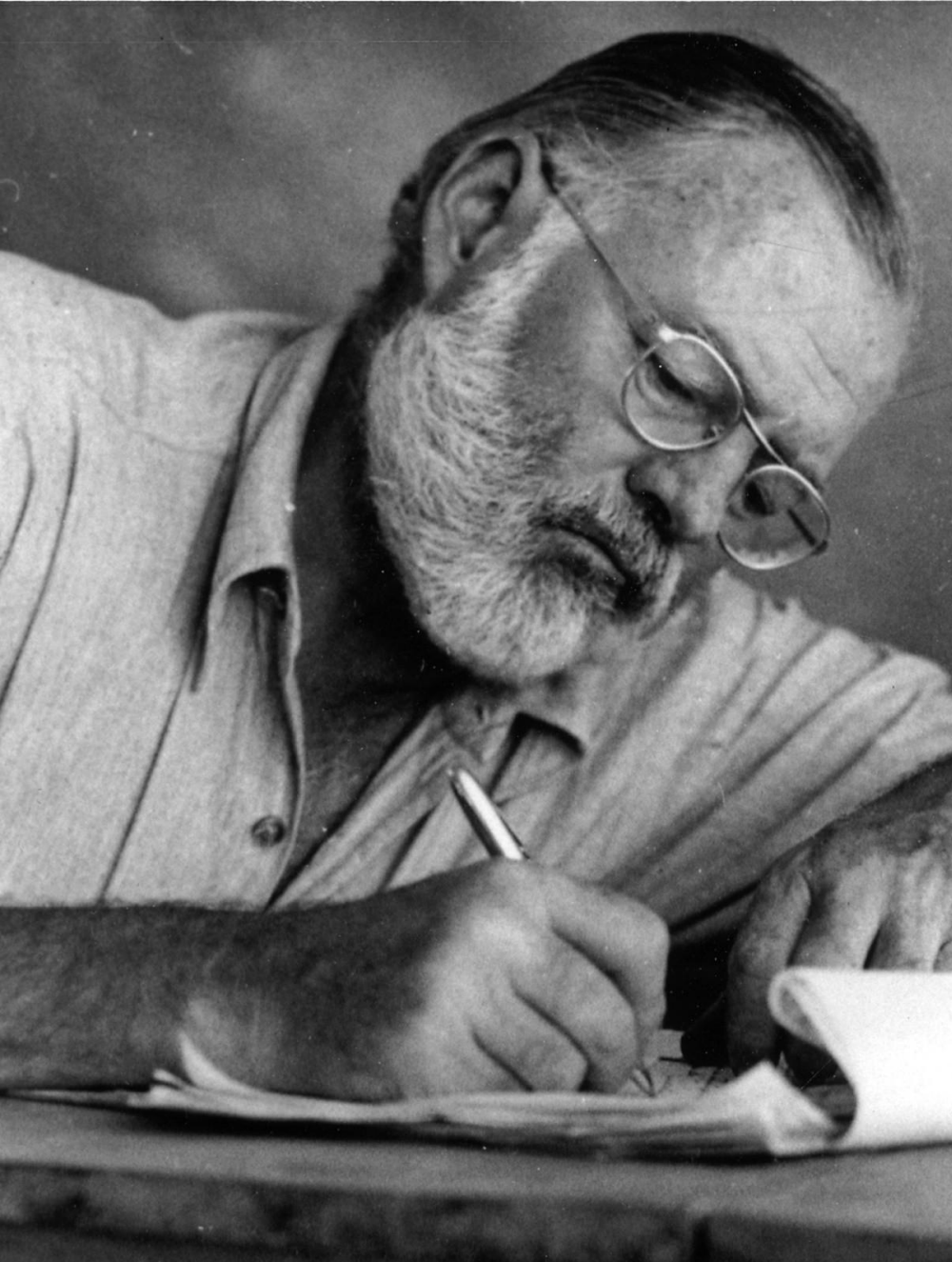
Pre-drafting

Drafting

The
**Writing
Process**

Proofreading

Revision



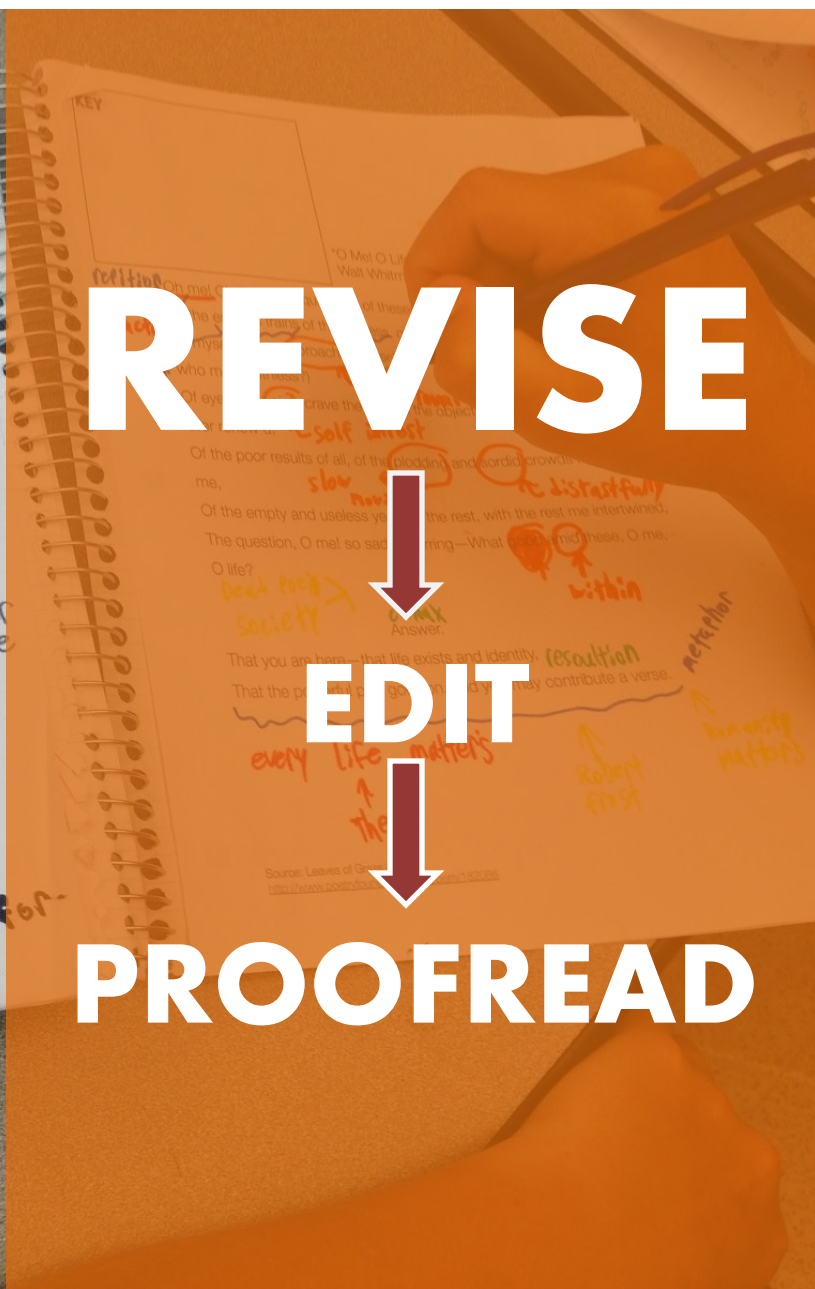
I rewrote the ending
of "Farewell to
Arms", the last page
of it, **39 times**
before I was
satisfied.

[illegible]

инструмент у Трайра Премиса в Мисков
да.

[illegible]

M. pectinatus Jac.
Pteronary No. 1078
 See sp. *p. pectinatus*
 as common.
Pteronary No. 1079
 common.
Pteronary No. 1080
 common.



ReVÍsion

Check **what** you want to say

Re + **vision** =

to see your work again, as if you are seeing it for the first time



Keep distance and time

Read aloud

Get Feedback

Create a *reverse* outline

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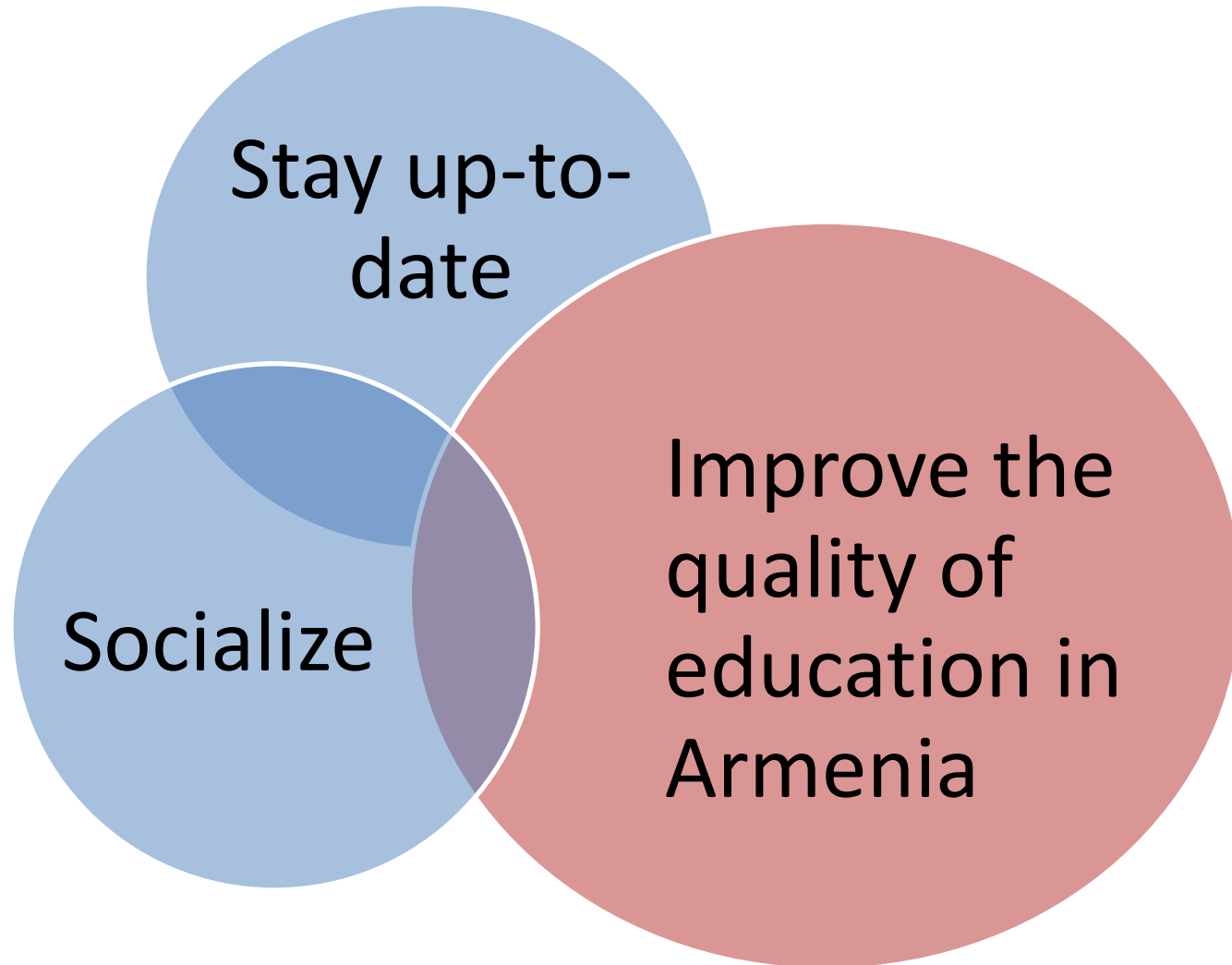
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- Because: Online courses can foster your opportunities to **find a better job.**
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Cohesion: arranging main points



A close-up, slightly angled view of a spiral-bound notebook. The pages are white with light blue horizontal ruling. A blue pen lies diagonally across the top right of the frame. The spiral binding is visible on the left side.

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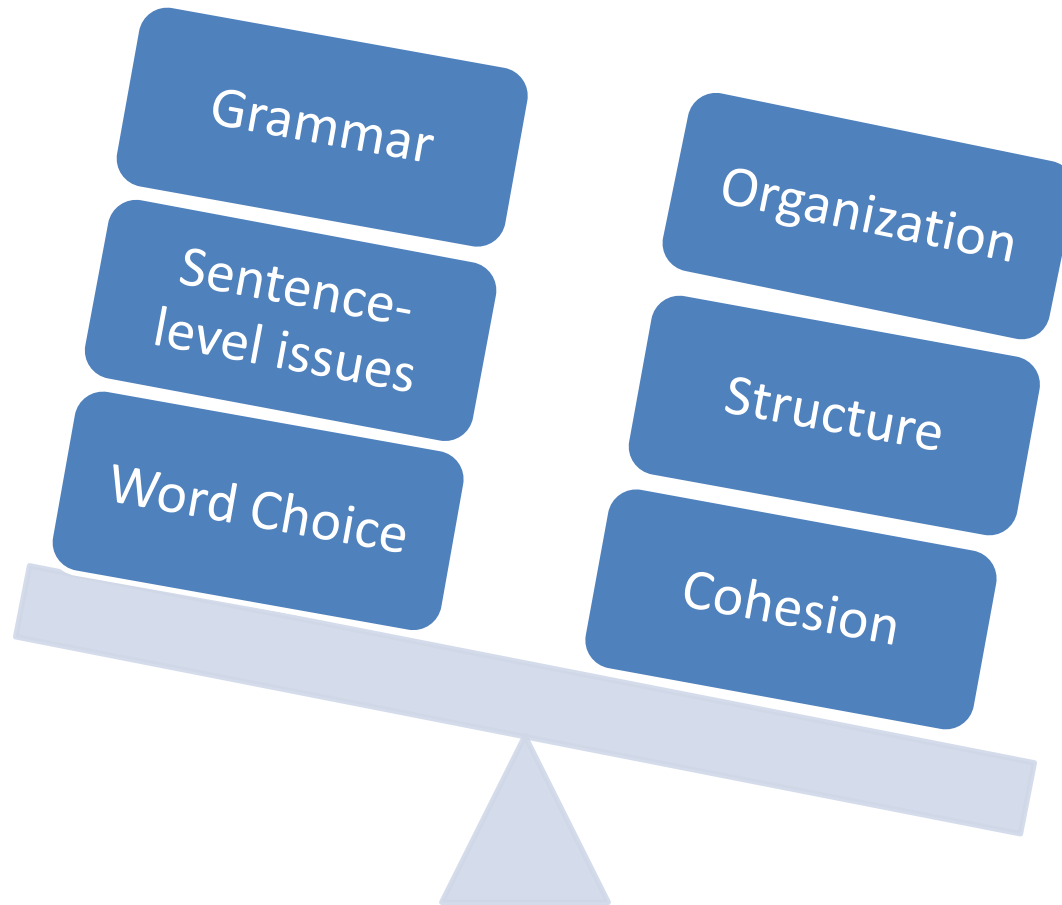
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Editing:

Check **HOW** you are saying it

Editing

Revision



Common editing and proofreading issues

- *There is* and *It is* openers (It is essential that we act immediately. We must act immediately)
- **weak verbs** (Jenny is the owner of the house. Jenny owns the house)
- **Redundancy** (We have ~~completely~~ **deleted...**)
- **to be constructions** (I consider him ~~to be~~ an honest person)
- **needless phrases and qualifiers** (the handbook ~~we will be using in summer~~ — **summer handbook**)

Useful websites

Purdue Online Writing Lab

www.owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/

Thesaurus.com (synonyms, antonyms)

Grammarly.com (editing and proofreading)

Oxford Online dictionaries

<http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>

Lingvo-online.ru (dictionary with examples and phrases)

Useful websites

The Companion Website for The Little, Brown Handbook. (Exercises, video tutorials, checklists and much more related to writing).

<http://wps.ablongman.com/>

COCA. (The website allows you to search for exact words or phrases, wildcards, lemmas, part of speech, or any combinations of these).

www.corpus.byu.edu/coca/

Checklists

for writing, editing and proofreading your essays

**The Companion Website for The Little, Brown
Handbook**

[http://wps.ablongman.com/long_fowler_lbh_11/204/523
18/13393605.cw/index.html](http://wps.ablongman.com/long_fowler_lbh_11/204/52318/13393605.cw/index.html)



Thank you!

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