Reviewer checklist

* There is a statement in early in the paper (e.g. the introduction) that declares/outlines what specifically will be addressed in the paper.
* It is clear what the paper is about in the first paragraph or two.
* There is a title, and it reflects what the paper is about.
* The author's position (or “niche”) is clear.
* The author argues critically (e.g. no absolute claims, no one-sided claims).
* There is a "naysayer" in the text, where appropriate.
* The author cites supports ideas with examples.
* The uses in-text citation effectively.
* The connection between ideas are clear throughout -- within paragraphs, between paragraphs, and the essay as a whole.
* Special terminology is clearly defined.
* There are no contractions in the paper.
* All in-text citations are in APA format.
* Vocabulary is appropriate. (See questions below.)
* Every paragraph has some kind of main “topic” or idea that is built on appropriately.
* There are no main topic changes within one paragraph in the paper.
* There are no spelling mistakes.

1. Look for very “common” verbs like *get*, *have*, *like*, *do*, and *make*. Are there other, genre-appropriate verbs, that can be used in their place?
2. Look for very “common” adjectives like *big*, *small*, *good*, *bad* and so on. Could the same ideas be expressed using more academic-sounding adjectives?
3. Look for “extreme” adjectives and adverbs, like *awesome*, *excellent*, *the best*, *incredibly*, *absolutely*, *always*, *never* and so on. Does the idea that they are describing merit such “enthusiasm?”