Persuasive Writing Revision Checklist

Did I write it like a persuasive author?	Not yet	Starting to	Yes!
Overall: I made a claim and supported it with reasons, providing a variety of evidence from trustworthy sources.			

STRUCTURE			Not yet	Starting to	Yes!
Lead		I wrote an introduction that led to a claim and helped readers understand my topic. I thought backwards to make sure my introduction fit with my piece as a whole.			
Transitions		I used words and phrases to glue my piece together and help readers follow my thinking, such *as another reason* and *consequently*. I connected evidence to my reasons using phrases like *this shows that….*			
Organization		I arranged my piece purposefully, leading readers from one reason to another in the order that best helped me prove my claim.			
Ending		My ending added to and strengthened the overall argument. I summarized main points and offered a lingering thought, new insight, or action for readers to consider.			
What are your STRUCTURE revision goals?					

DEVELOPMENT			Not yet	Starting to	Yes!
Elaboration		I included evidence such as facts, examples, quotations, micro-stories, my own knowledge, and background information to support my claim.	☐	☐	☐
		I explained how each piece of evidence strengthened my argument.	☐	☐	☐
		I acknowledged different sides to the argument.	☐	☐	☐
Sources		I used trusted sources and information from experts, which I cited.	☐	☐	☐
Tone		I used a convincing and serious voice.	☐	☐	☐
Craft		I reached for the precise phrases and images that would convey my ideas. I used figurative language, like metaphors, to draw readers into my line of thought.	☐	☐	☐
		I made choices about which evidence was best to include (and **not** include).	☐	☐	☐
What are your DEVELOPMENT revision goals?					

Persuasive Writing Editing Checklist

CONVENTIONS			Not yet	Starting to	Yes!
Punctuation		I used a variety of punctuation to fix any run-on sentences and to help me include or connect extra information. When writing complex sentences, I used commas to make them clear and correct.	☐ ☐	☐ ☐	☐ ☐
Paragraphs		I grouped related information and ideas into paragraphs.	☐	☐	☐
Word choice		I used what I know about word families and spelling patterns to help me spell. I checked resources, like my original sources, when I was not sure. I made deliberate word choices to convince readers, perhaps by emphasizing words that would make my readers feel certain emotions.	☐ ☐	☐ ☐	☐ ☐
Syntax		I varied my sentence styles to create a pace that suited my scholarly tone.	☐	☐	☐
Capitalization		I used capital letters at the beginning of sentences and to show proper nouns.	☐	☐	☐
What do you need to edit before you create your final draft?					