## MAIN QUEST | THE ORGANIZATION

## **PHASE 3: INFILTRATION**



To fulfill this quest, **finish a complete draft of the Discourse Analysis essay**. It's okay if the content is a little rough–just get everything into the document.

(You can do it! Stay determined!).

Between completing your draft, and submitting it, **fulfill 2/3 of the revision strategies on the next page**, and attach the result to the beginning of the essay upon submission.

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## SEND IN YOUR REPORT



1. Try out **one** of the following two revision strategies. Once you have done so, attach your 'Laboratory' or 'Graveyard' documents to your final submission.

The Graveyard Strategy: Sometimes, deleting things out of an essay can be the most difficult part of revision. This strategy can help: create either a separate document or a section of the document you're working and label it "Project Graveyard". As you revise, if you encounter a portion that you find questionable, too wordy, or confusing—put it in the graveyard and try rewriting it or leaving it out entirely. This way, if you do have a change of heart later—the content isn't gone. Try it!

The Laboratory Strategy: Create a new word document for the revised version of your essay. Now, as you copy parts of the previous draft into the new one, spend some time tweaking the details of the new draft. Because this is in a new duplicate document, you should feel free to experiment to your heart's content without having to worry about ruining your paper.

- 2. Second, perform a <u>reverse outlining</u> of your original essay. In a reverse outline—you go through your writing paragraph by paragraph and summarize each one into a single sentence that answers the questions: "What is this paragraph saying, and how does it relate to my original argument?" When you are done, put these single sentences into an outline and consider the structure of your piece. Does this make sense to you? Have you tied it all back?
- 3. When you are done with these strategies, **submit your Discourse Analysis.** Include any revision materials along with the essay. *Then, revel in victorious accomplishment!*