**Editing Comments**

* T= thesis statement
* TS= topic sentence
* D= development
* W/C= word choice
* AWK=well, awkward
* CS= comma splice
* COLLOQ=informal language
* Check mark= Good stuff!
* CM= Confederate memorials
* HF=Helena Fountain

**Revising Versus Editing**

* Revisions need to be submitted to me in person, with the latest draft stapled to all preceding drafts of the paper.
* The second draft of your paper should be a **revision**, not just an **edit**. A revision entails occasionally scrapping or rewriting a whole paragraph, restructuring the piece or sentences, even entertaining the idea that you need to develop a brand-new argument. If, for instance, I circle a capitalization error three times in the paper, I expect you to fix it the fourth and all subsequent times, even if I don’t mark them.
* My big suggestions for revision are often written in the margins of the paper and describe sentences or paragraphs as a whole. These are the most important changes to make in your paper, so please do not ignore them.

**Grammar/Writing Issues**

* Watch out for **comma splices**. When you have two independent clauses, you can’t join them with a comma, but must split them with a period or join them with a coordinating conjunction or semicolon.
* **Quotation marks go outside punctuation** most of the time in American English.
* Be consistent about **capitalization**. Confederate should be capitalized. Proper nouns should be capitalized. Other words should not.
* Your **topic sentences** should: a) be specific **arguments**(no mysteries), b) do more than just repeat the exact language of the thesis, and c) include a transition phrase.
* You need to included in-text citation (Source A) or (Independent Record) when you use either quotes or paraphrases.

**Argument Issues**

* The biggest issue in these papers is **development** of your claims. Most of you are doing a very good job of making strong claims, but many of you are not doing as much to explain **how** and **why** those claims are true. That development is what makes a decent essay a great one.
* Move past superficial claims like “the monument could encourage violence” or “liberals who want to tear it down are just offended” to **actual arguments that contain nuance, sophistication, and, most of all, evidence and reasoning.**
* Think critically about sources and information. For example, does the fact that the Daughters of the Confederacy claimed their statue was only for beautification make it true? Be skeptical. Be critical. Be analytical.
* When you use a **naysayer**, make sure that it advances a new argument to respond to the other side’s claim. The answers to naysayers in these first drafts was too often just a repetition of an earlier argument in the paragraph.
* Please use the source packet better. Search through the provided evidence for specific, interesting language and claims that you can use to support your argument or provide naysayers. Too much of the evidence use was superficial or relied on less than interesting claims.

**Editing Checklist (To be Completed for Revision)**

\_\_\_ **PROOFREAD YOUR ESSAY**. So many sentence errors, capitalization issues, and other basic errors mar these responses.

\_\_\_ **BOLD ALL OF YOUR CHANGES:**  In your second, printed draft, you need to bold all the parts of the essay you’ve changed, even if it means you added an entirely new paragraph.

\_\_\_ **USE ADEQUATE SOURCE MATERIAL**: In your revision, I’d like to see at least **SEVEN parenthetical citations** from the provided evidence, including both paraphrases and direct quotations.

\_\_\_ **ONLY USE KERNELS OF TEXT** for your quoted material. No sentence-long quotes.

\_\_\_ **PROVIDE A STAMPY INTRO**: If you got a specific comment about needing to be STAMPY, your introduction needs to be a story about an individual or small group of specific people in the revision.

\_\_\_ **USE PARAGRAPH SUBSTRUCTURE** approach we have discussed all semester. At least one (though two would be better) of your topic sentences should have multiple claims linked with excellent, clear transition language.

\_\_\_ **FIX COMMA ISSUES**: Make sure to fix all missing commas after introductory elements and all comma splices.

\_\_\_ **INCLUDE NAYSAYERS**: Every revision needs **two naysayers** and answers using the structure we’ve reviewed in class.