

Persuasive(Opinion) Checklist

Instructions: As you reread your essay, use this checklist as a guide to evaluate your writing.

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