



Developmental Editing

Developmental editing is about improving the structure of a text. It considers the "big picture" of a text and focuses on organization. **DIRECTIONS:** Swap papers with a classmate, and read your classmate's work. Answer each question below and note how you think your classmate's paper could be improved.

Edit For:	Notes for the Author
Does the content of the text reflect the title?	
Could something be added to improve the text?	
Do all the sentences, paragraphs, and sections relate to the topic?	
Would sections of the text make more sense or progress more logically if they were rearranged?	
Is the overall message or argument well-supported?	
Is the text structured in the best way?	
Does the message or argument build towards a credible conclusion?	
Does the text need headings or subheading to help orient the reader?	
Are transitions between paragraphs or sections sufficient?	

