Did not proofread your work for language and clarity.

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| Proofread (or *proof*) your work | Merriam Webster Online:“ to read and correct mistakes in (a written or printed piece of writing)”* “He *proofread* the essay carefully.”
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|  | ***A brain trick for proofreading what you say for accuracy, good language, and for clarity***For accuracy of language used by the discipline of history1. Have you spelled the word the way the source does?Example: Shays’s Rebellion
2. Have you punctuated the word the way the source does?Example: 1660s (not 1660’s)
3. Have you used the word the way the source does?

Example: words such as *freeman*, *servant*, and *slave* have specific meanings in the discipline of historyFor correct use of language in general1. Run spell check and grammar check using your word processor. Do not accept every correction the software suggests. Click on the explanation to be sure.
2. Go to Turnitin and check the Grademark report for your paper
3. If some of your words are identified as incorrect sentences or unclear, then rewrite your sentences. Simple sentences are fine.

For clarity1. Read aloud **each** syllable in your paper, ideally in a silly accent.
2. Your *ear* will notice omitted words, bad grammar, and errors in meaning that your *eye* will not.
3. Write the corrections on your printed paper that you must make.
4. Make them in your file.
5. Compare your printed page with your file to be sure you didn’t make a new error.
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