**Revising the essay**

**You will be revising your essay on your own. Bring the rough draft, these directions, and your new revised essay to class with you on Sept. 23 (odd)/Sept 24(even).**

**Prompt: How does Sandra Cisneros carefully balance the words and details used when discussing her family's effect on her development for her audience?**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to use all our previewed vocabulary (personal essay, author’s purpose, details, and word choice (Imagery, Tone, and Voice) – you have notes on these terms.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to directly answer the question in your introductory paragraph. This answer is your thesis and is important to the rest of your essay. See the PowerPoint from Sept. 16/17 for an example.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ Be sure that you explain how she is using her specific word choice and details to show her family’s effect on her.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have read this personal essay more times than you have. You don’t need to tell me what happened in it. What I need to know is what examples from the text show what your thesis states. Use quotations and then explain them.**

 For example: Sandra Cisneros’ use adjectives like of “silly” and “little” to describe her college major and her writing demonstrates how she thinks her father views her education and career. She believes he doesn’t place value on her mind and abilities which only motivates her to improve her writing.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to proofread your writing for spelling and grammar, please.**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Be sure to use separate paragraphs for each body topic. Be sure to have an introductory paragraph and a closing paragraph.**

**This revision is worth 50 points. This is a major assignment. You need to, at bare minimum, make an attempt.**