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→**NOTE:** Use these revision guides to help you focus and easily get over 600 words.

REVISION FOCUS:

- 1) Do you have ONE overall argument with reasons, clearly stated in your thesis? Do your body paragraphs follow that thesis AND have some connection to each other?
- 2) Did you choose a good counterargument, explain it honestly, and refute it directly with support?
- 3) Do you have at least one quotation or paraphrase from the reading "Growing Up American"? that is clearly identified with quotation marks and/or an introductory phrase?
- 4) Consider who is listening to / reading your argument. Will your words convince that person?

*Instructions: *Essays without this formatting will only be graded after you fix them.*

1. In the top left corner, put your name at the top, the name of this class (ESL 315), the name of this assignment (At-Home Essay #4), and the date.
2. Write ONE good, complete essay of about **at least 600 words**. This writing must be typed and saved (.doc/.docx/.rtf) and submitted via D2L. It should be about 3 pages when finished.
3. Be sure to answer the question completely and stay on topic. Check very carefully for good vocabulary and correct grammar before you turn it in for a grade. *Please do your own writing, checking and fixing.*

4. **CHECKLIST!** Your at-home essay **MUST** have these things:

- an interesting **title** related to your thesis
- a short **introductory paragraph** w/ a good **thesis statement** clearly addressing the topic & giving an opinion
- well-developed body paragraphs** that explain the thesis idea(s) and develop each part of it
- a **counterargument/concession with full refutation**, either in a single paragraph, or in some other format we've studied. *if you choose another format, you must have a conference with me and come with a full outline.
- quotation or paraphrase support, examples and clear explanations** to develop/support each **topic sentence**
- a strong **concluding paragraph** with sentences that summarize, restate your idea, and finish the essay