

Substantive Editing for the
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Resources

- The article,
- The comments from the Editorial Board's discussion,
- The Substantive Editing handout, and
- Anne Enquist's article.



Work directly with the Author

- “Talk” to the author regularly.
- Establish a good working relationship with the author.



Substantive Edit

- The goal is that the author includes all of his or her substantive changes at this time.
- However, the author will see the article at least one more time (sometimes two more times).



Substantive Editing: The Handout

- Introduction
- What to look for in a substantive edit
 - Look at the thesis
 - Look at the reasoning and the arguments
 - Look at the large-scale organization
 - Look at the footnotes
 - Look at the author's voice



The Critique

- May incorporate your comments into the electronic version of the article.
- Draft a critique memo as well.



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