Style Exercises

If you hunt the internet for “eliminating wordiness” or “style exercises” you will get a TON of hits. Your job today is to create part of a worksheet for others in the class on the material in chapter 16, providing samples of sentences that need to be revised. We will then create a worksheet that everyone will complete.

You have about 20 minutes to work with your partner to find at least three examples of sentences and one sample paragraph. I’ll assign these alphabetically:

1. Guideline 1/2/4 and use of transitions in a paragraph
2. Guideline 3 and aligning subjects in a paragraph
3. Guideline 5 and the “given/new” method in a paragraph
4. Guideline 6 and appropriate use of passive voice
5. Guidelines 7 and 8

By the designated time, you should email me your sample (or we’ll create a google doc) and then be able to briefly go over your topic for the class and perhaps work through a sample sentence. The document we create will be the one you will work on as homework.