

Possible Answers for *Successful College Writing, Sixth Edition* – Chapter 9

Ex 9.1

Some of the changes that Atkinson made include

- ¶ 1: She combined the last two sentences of the draft to make a stronger thesis statement.
- ¶ 2: She opted to keep the examples of wheat pasting and yarn bombing, but mentioned these in her topic sentence so the examples made sense.
- ¶ 3: She replaced the word *propaganda* with *political activism* and added a source citation.
- ¶ 4: She changed the topic sentence so that the paragraph is now about the appeals of street art; the paragraph is expanded.
- ¶ 5: She moved the information about appeals to paragraph 4 so that this paragraph stays focused on secrecy.
- ¶ 6: She clarified her final sentence.

Ex 9.2

Answers will vary.

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Analyzing the Revision

1. Wilson revised her thesis statement to make it more focused, clarified the second sentence in paragraph 2, dropped the reference to Bradley Manning, dropped unsupported claims, added a new paragraph (4), and expanded her conclusion. She could add more examples of surveillance by companies and government agencies.
2. Wilson's new thesis statement is focused and interesting, and her conclusion now asks readers to consider how online surveillance by advertisers is part of a broader, darker scenario. She could explore that connection in more depth.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Wilson keeps and strengthens her tone of urgency, while dropping the occasional judgmental tone of the first draft. She also drops the personal pronoun *I*, although she keeps the plural *us* and *we*; this makes her tone less personal but retains an informal voice.