



The Kiss of Death

Any of the following errors appearing in an essay will cause it to receive the Kiss of Death. These are all major errors that are totally unacceptable in AP-level writing. Check your typed papers VERY carefully before turning them in for grading because the “kiss” has consequences....

If your paper comes back to you with the “kiss” on it, you must use this list to figure out what’s wrong, correct it, and resubmit the following day. **Receiving the Kiss of Death on your essay results in an automatic loss of 15%.**

- ✘ subject/verb agreement errors (SVA)
- ✘ pronoun/antecedent agreement errors (PNA)
- ✘ confusing any of the following pairs
 - you’re/your
 - whose/who’s
 - there/their
 - too/to
 - its/it’s
- ✘ use of first person
- ✘ use of second person
- ✘ starting sentences with FANBOY coordinating conjunctions
- ✘ run-ons (RO)
- ✘ comma splices (CS)
- ✘ sentence fragments (SF)