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Interpreting My Scribbles on Written Assignments

- ✓ A checkmark indicates a good point, or a specific item I was looking for as a part of your answer.
- ? A question mark indicates that something you have written doesn't make sense. Sometimes this refers to the idea you are expressing, sometimes it relates to a word choice that makes the sentence confusing, and other times it simply reflects a statement that is incorrect.
- _____ An underline indicates words or phrases that I found interesting, either in a good way or a in bad way. If it is in a bad way, there is usually some other mark on the paper to clarify this (e.g., a question mark or a comment to the side).
- word A circled word or phrase indicates an error. This could be a poor word choice, a misspelled word, ungrammatical usage, or some other typographical error.
- word This is the standard proofreaders' mark for inverted letters (it should read "word").
- word This is the standard proofreaders' mark for "delete," when letters or words need to be deleted.
- ¶ This means you should have a new paragraph at the point of the mark.
- word A triple-underline means the letter should be capitalized.
- × When I cross over something, it means that a statement you have made is incorrect.
- word This indicates that the two letters should be put together (remove the extra space).
- agr.* This indicates an agreement problem (subject-verb or consistency within a sentence or paragraph).
- awk.* This indicates that the word choice or sentence structure is awkward and hard to follow.
- frag.* This indicates a sentence fragment (an incomplete sentence).
- inf.* This indicates that your language is too informal for a written memo.
- run-on* This indicates a run-on sentence.
- sp.* This indicates a spelling error.