Revising ....
Frankenstein Activities: Organization

Cut it up: overall organization
Physically cut your essay into sections with a pair of scissors
- You might have to tape the sections together where they span pages or paragraphs
- Figure out what each paragraph is talking about
- Arrange and re-arrange … Try every possible order for your argument
- Pick the order that you think is most effective
- Note: not every piece of writing has a formal introduction :-)

Post it notes … thank you, Ryan Seastrom
Write the claims or points of proof or topic for each paragraph on post it notes and move them around until you are satisfied.

Examples:
- my parents taught me this – open your eyes and not your mouth ....
- I don't do it when I play Pictionary
- but I did it when I learned to make waffle sandwiches
- and Jack Ryan does this ....

Or maybe ....
- my parents taught me
- by teaching me to make waffle sandwiches
- and Jack Ryan does this
- but I don't when I play Pictionary because .....

Marginalia … what a great word!
Marginalia are notes, scribbles, and comments made by readers in the margin of a book, but should not be confused with signs or marks (e.g. stars, crosses, fists) or doodles.
- Read each paragraph
- Note the topic(s) or main ideas in the margin
- Analyze your notes for logical flow, etc.

Color code it .... highlighting
- Most any word processing program can do this – or you can use your own highlighters
- Highlight each main idea, point of proof or claim in a separate color
- Highlight every time that idea occurs in your paper in that idea's color
- In theory, we want all the blue ideas in one place, all the yellow ideas in one place, and so forth – or we want a pattern throughout: blue, pink, yellow … blue, pink, yellow

Scramble it
Step 1: Save as
- Save your essay with a new name
- This will give you a file to play with while preserving all your hard work on the current draft
- Work in the new file

Step 2: Using Word, find and replace all the periods with paragraph breaks

- Control F – opens the find window
  - enter a period in the window
- Click on the Replace tab
  - move your cursor to the replace window
  - Click on More / Special / Paragraph break
- Replace all
- You now have a list of sentences

Step 3: Sort
- Highlight the text you want to sort (anything from a single paragraph to the entire essay)
- On the paragraph tab, click on Sort [AZ↓]
- Click OK – the default should be "sort by paragraph"
- You now have an alphabetized list of sentences

Step 4: Analyze
- Look for patterns & repetitions
- See what happens with you arrange the sentences in different ways
- Bring your conclusions