Grammar

* Awk:
  + “The Rapanui people constructed these large head statues along the island”
    - “The Rapanui constructed Moai, which are large statues of head all around the island.”
  + “This suggests that a gigantic meteorite struck earth creating dust clouds large over the face of earth which is why iridium is in two locations.”
    - This suggest a gigantic meteor struck Earth creating a dust cloud which covered the planet. We know this from the iridium deposits in Europe and New Zealand.”
* Run-On sentence: two or more clauses “run together” without proper coordination and/or punctuation.
  + “There is always going to be some type of extinction of a specific species, but how it happens is very important because it helps us understand how they died. Indeed, we might be able to learn from it.”
* Fragments: phrases or clauses without a subject or a compete predicate.
  + “Knowing that these trees did not drop some sort of seed or spores to be regrown when they were cut down.” [NO SUBJECT for “Knowing”]
  + “Many believe that nature is the cause. That eventually throughout time the world will collapse on its own with nobody to stop it”
    - “Many believe that nature is the cause; that eventually throughout time the world will collapse on its own with nobody to stop it”
* Missing Words: usually a very basic word
  + “With iridium being a rare Earth element.”
  + “**The** Rapanui civilization thrived on Easter Island.”
* Spelling Errors: Errors are usually correct spelling of wrong word
  + “There have been six mass extinction**s** throughout Earth’s history.”
  + “The islanders were not too concerned about the loss of trees.”
  + “lose” *“loose”* “I don’t want to lose the game.”
  + “earth” = dirt “Earth” = the planet
  + Rapanui, Rapa Nui
* Verb Tense Errors
  + RULE: When speaking about what an author is discussing, use the PRESENT tense:
    - “Diamond **notes** that the Rapa Nui were initially a very successful civilization”
  + RULE: When discussing events that occurred in a narrative/history use the PAST tense:
    - “The Polynesians first **came** to Easter Islands over a thousand years ago.”
* Word Choice Error: Not the best word for the “slot”
  + “The leading theory describes the aftermath of the meteor strike, which triggered a global blackout of ash and ejecta.”
  + “Extinction has become so common in Earth’s history [trend] that we expect extinctions when people arrive on any island.”
* “INF. = Informal language (slang, or attempts at humor, cliché)
  + “The meteor strike threw a bunch of junk into the atmosphere.”
  + “The meteor struck the planet causing ejecta to blot out the sun and that was all she wrote.”
  + “We need to do something about global climate change once and for all.”
* Thesis/Topic Sentence Problems
  + T2: “If civilization were to be met with this fate it would be caused by the same order of balance and adaptation.”
  + T2: “Thousands of species of different animals go extinct every day, and if our civilization is to end, it is more likely to be caused by humans.”
* P5: Signal Phrase Error:
  + “In the article “Easter’s End” by Jared Diamond, the author discusses the collapse of the Rapa Nui civilization.”
  + “In his article, “Easter’s End,” Jared Diamond discusses.
* E1 error
  + “As the islander’s population continued to increase, resources were depleted at an increased rate.”twice as fast.”
  + “All species that have lived on the planet have shared the existential struggle to survive.”
  + “Many animals lack the flexibility to adapt quickly to change.”
  + “Humans have been evolving for hundreds of years.”