**Grammar Concepts on the Final – Editing Skills**

Capitals

Punctuation – end marks, commas, semi-colons, apostrophes

**Vocabulary Words and Definitions on the Final**

Atrophy – a wasting away, deterioration or diminution

Conflagration – a large destructive fire

Dilapidated – having fallen into disrepair or deterioration as through neglect

Facetious – playfully jocular, humorous

Slander – a false and malicious statement or report about someone

Surreptitious – obtained, done, or made by clandestine or stealthy means

Plausible – seemingly or apparently valid, likely, or acceptable

Postulate – to assume or assert the truth, reality, or necessity of especially as a basis of an argument

Rhetoric – the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively

Camaraderie – goodwill and lighthearted rapport between or among friends

Jocular – characterized by joking

Loquacious – very talkative

Avian – of or relating to birds

Feral – existing in a wild or untamed state

Sanctuary – a reserved area in which birds and animals are protected

Febrile – feverish

Lethargy – a state of inactivity

Languid – showing little or no spirit or animation

Abstemious – restricted to bare necessities

Penitent – feeling or expressing remorse for one’s misdeeds or sins

Pious – having religious reverence

Admonition – mild, kind, yet earnest reproof

Disparage – to speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way

Vilify – to make vicious and defamatory statements about

Ardent – expressing warmth of feeling

Reticent – restrained or reserved in style

Trenchant – forceful, effective or vigorous

Alacrity – speed or quickness

Itinerant – traveling from place to place

Sedentary – accustomed to sitting or taking little exercise

Dissident – one who disagrees

Sedition – conduct or language inciting rebellion

Asylum – protection and immunity granted by a government to a political refugee

Berate – to scold angrily

Litigious – tending to engage in lawsuits

Petulant – contemptuous in speech or behavior

Aesthetic – a guiding principle in matters of artistic beauty and taste

Canon - a group of literary works accepted as representative

Virtuoso – a person with masterly skill or technique in the arts

Gauche – lacking social polish

Hubris – excessive pride

Irreverent – disrespectful