Proofreader's Marks – Examples

Grammar Element	Example
1 Spelling	color (colour), freind (friend), kat (cat)
2 Sentence Structure	
2.1 Run-On Sentence	Frank loved his dog he was his best friend.
2.2 Fragment	When the sun came up.
2.3 Comma Splice	The candy was good, I want more.
2.4 Parallelism	I need you to wash the car, take out the garbage, buy some groceries, and getting your homework done.
2.5 Dangling Modifier	As he came around the corner, Jim smiled at Fred.
2.6 Mixed Construction	Most people who like to ride a bicycle, they need a good bicycle.
3 Punctuation	Susan loves to sit on the beach
4 Homonyms	They're, their, and there
	You're and your
	To, too, and two
	Where, were, wear, and we're
	Here and hear
5 Capitalization	Marie went to algonquin park on Sunday.
6 Verb Tenses	I went home and watches television all night.
7 Subject-Verb Agreement	The dogs barks for three hours.
8 Pronoun-Noun Agreement	Christian won all three of her races.

9 Vocabulary	
9.1 Use of the Word	She was so anxious to open her gift on Christmas day
9.2 Repetition	John was always respectful of his parents. He respected them and they respected him. Respect was important.
9.3 Elementary Writing	In this essay, I will prove I think that
9.4 Informal Level of	In a literary essay, it would be informal to say:
Language	In reading the novel, you don't know what to expect.
10 Transitions	To begin Secondly Finally
11 MLA Format	Refer to class website for MLA format (title page, works cited list, etc.)
12 Clarity	Sometime during the day, something happened to someone.
13 Too Wordy	It is vitally important to speak and to talk respectfully and politely to any and all teachers, professors, educators, or instructors.
14 Generality	Many forms of violence have existed since the beginning of time.