How to write your ES Symposium article.....

A few of Mr. Peneston’s helpful rules...

Rule #1
Listening to someone read your writing out-loud is the most important step to editing your writing.

Rule #2
Science writing almost never uses quotes. Every sentence and every paragraph in your paper must be written by you. You are creating an original narrative, not a “patch-work quilt” of other people’s sentences and phrases. Plagiarism requires a parent conference with the principal and a zero that cannot be changed.

Rule #3
Never hand in anything unless you have edited it so carefully that you are ready to have it read out-loud in front of others.

Rule #4
Remember that all languages were spoken and listened to for thousands of years before they were written, so your writing will be much easier to do (and better) if you spend time talking about what you want to say before you try to write it down. Tell your story several times and ways “around the campfire” and then when you sit at your keyboard it will be easy to write the narrative.

Rule #5
Don’t start at the beginning. The title and abstract will be the hardest things to write. Start by choosing the articles that must be in your reference list and then type it up. Next select the 3 images (maps, photos, data tables, graphs) that are most important to help you explain the methods used by the scientists and data they collected and create captions for each image. Write the Methods and then the Data sections first because they have the most details, are the largest sections and they are the most important. Then move on to the Introduction, Discussion and Conclusion. Summarizing your whole paper in a 75-word Abstract or a 5-word title is very difficult, so save them for last.

Rule #6
Every article in your List of References must also appear as a parenthetical citation at least once in your article. And, every parenthetical citation in the text must direct you to an article in your reference list.

Rule #7
Don’t try to create the text by typing directly into the article template file. Create and edit all of the sections of your text in a single Word file and then copy and past them into the template.

Rule #8
Don’t change the format of the template. Font type and size, spacings and margins, italics print for captions and Latin words, citations styles....everything must follow the format you see in the template.

Rule #9
Do not include URLs, web addresses or library code numbers in your Reference list. And do not include any except the (author’s last names, year of publication) in your parenthetical citations.