

You Be the Judge

The following paragraph is not well organized, occasionally strays from the main idea, and contains spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.

Read the paragraph carefully. Then look at the direction box below the paragraph to see what you should do to improve the composition.

Write your revised paragraph on the back of this sheet.

PARAGRAPH:

When they found the gold mine the three treasure hunters thought there troubles were over, but they were just beginning. The three men had been freinds and cronies prior to the discovery of the gold which all three of them had found together deep within the Sierra Madre Mountains. Now, however, they were becoming bitter enemies. Greed and distrust began to haunt them, and the men soon resembled vicious, frightened animals Since the time of the ancient Greeks, gold has dominated the minds of mankind. For one thing, each man isolated himself from the others because he wanted to keep the gold for himself and didn't want to share it. For a third thing, each feared that the others were plotting to kill him, so he developed his own plot. For another, each of them believed the others were planning to excape with the gold at night. None of them slept. In the end, the three men killed each other, and no one shared in the treasure after all. Hoping it would be a blessing, the "Treasure of the Sierra Madre turned out to be only a curse.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Three punctuation marks have been omitted. Add them.
2. Three sentences contain spelling errors. Correct all three spelling errors.
3. One sentence is wordy. Correct it.
4. Combine the eighth and ninth sentences to form one complex sentence.
5. Two sentences are in the wrong order. Reverse them.
6. One sentence doesn't fit. Remove it.
7. One sentence contains a misplaced modifier Correct it.