Commas:

Do you use a comma after an introductory word, phrase, or clause that comes before a main clause?
Again, only after Odysseus has eaten is he asked about who he is and where he is from.

Do you use commas around words, phrases, and clauses in the middle of a sentence when they aren't essential to the meaning of the sentence?
They claim happiness is something that makes them feel good and, by extension, they believe that a person’s state of mind can fluctuate from happiness to sadness.

Do you use a comma after a quote is introduced, but not before the citation?
For instance, “in medicine this is health, in generalship victor” (Aristotle 7.1097a).

Do you use commas to separate items in a list (the official Writing Center recommendation is to include a comma before the last item- before “and”)?
In The Athena Lemnia, Phidias uses line, position, and texture to bring the piece to life.

Do you use commas after a long introductory or dependent clause (usually more than five words)?
In the epic the Odyssey, Homer presents a variety of prominent themes.

Do you use commas between adjectives?
The selfish, arrogant suitors ran rampant in Odysseus’ house.

Do you avoid comma splices (combining two independent clauses with only a comma)?
(Example of what not to do)
Odysseus is seen as demanding and self-indulged, he chooses to enter the cave without permission.

Semicolons:

Do you use semicolons to connect two independent clauses (a clause with that has a subject and a verb and can stand alone) that repeat or relate to each other?
Zeus doesn’t intend to use his powers to control everything; Zeus views his powers as a responsibility to keep peace and balance in the world.
Do you use a semicolon to combine two independent clauses in which the second clause begins with a conjunctive adverb (in fact, however, thus)?

The stance is also reminiscent of the rigid poses seen in precious statuary; however, the sculptors were also breaking from the traditional pitfalls that separate archaic art from later periods.

**Colons:**

Do you use a colon after an independent clause when it is followed by a list?
Zeus of Artemisium displays emphasis on many muscles: biceps, abdominal muscles, leg muscles, and facial muscles.

Do you use a colon to join two independent clauses when the second clause is a result of the first?

Odysseus had been without an identity: the trials he faced are ones that enabled him to regain this identity.

**Dashes:**

Do you use a dash to set off or emphasize the content enclosed within two dashes or the content that follows a dash?

They blindly assume the definition of happiness—a pleasurable and comfortable life—and achieve it without guidelines.