Higher Order Concerns vs. Lower Order Concerns

Higher Order Concerns
Higher Order Concerns address the “bigger picture” components of a written assignment.

- Thesis focus & clarity
- Attention to audience and purpose
- Logical flow & organization
- Missing information / thoughts
- Redundancy, extraneous information
- Enhancing development of ideas, rationale, plot, etc.

Lower Order Concerns
Lower Order Concerns address the details and minor changes; they are often referred to as editing.

- ABC: Spelling
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Citation accuracy
- Sentence structure
- Use of strong verbs & nouns
- Word choice