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SAMPLE: Academic Heavy Copyedit

This sample project was done to complete the requirements for the Editing Certificate Program with the University of Washington. The manuscript is a 750-word blog article. Before the editing suggestions were made, the author and editor had a conversation about particular concerns related to the article's development. Before the heavy copyedit took place, the editor carried out a round of structural editing.

Notice that in this heavy copyedit, suggestions were marked directly on the line. Comments are used to notify the author of the reasons for the suggestions. There are a number of edits made to improve common colloquial expressions. There are also edits made to titles and subheads. Overall, a heavy copyedit is concerned with fixing awkward wording and sentence fluency, and mechanic. It was agreed upon by the author and editor that fact-checking would not be necessary for this round of editing.

Bear in mind that a heavy copyedit DOES NOT address preparations for publication such as page formatting, font style, or table of contents. It is likely that even after a heavy copyedit, which will address a great many errors found within the manuscript, an author will still want to take their manuscript through a round of proofreading to address anymore small errors sprawled throughout the text and prepare the manuscript for the publication process.

Decriminalization ~~s~~ Situation in Thailand ~~Amsterdam of the East~~, or Cannabis Capitalism of the East?

Part 1: Economy & Tourism

A new era has begun in Thailand, ~~other than being a perfect summer destination, an~~
~~adventurous~~ gap year trip, or ~~to be fully immersed in the~~ ~~an incredible immersion into the~~ exotic
beauty of South-E ~~ast~~ Asia, ~~the country has recently become a~~ cannabis ~~hot spot~~ ~~has become~~
another selling point for tourism ~~so to speak~~.

~~After the pandemic halted the tourist industry, which is the country's main source of~~
~~income, and in the hope of boosting the economy,~~ Thailand's ~~has~~ has become the first country in
Asia to decriminalize cannabis, ~~with support from the government in the hope of boosting the~~
~~country's economy.~~

~~The government does see it as a great economic booster after the pandemic halt~~
~~Thailand's main source of income with travelers.~~ As the days of covid ~~are~~is behind us, ~~numbers~~
~~of tourists~~ are flooding the airport arrivals, intending to have a jolly good time once again.

There's no denying that the green rush has made a big statement in the kingdom after
medical cannabis was made legal in 2019. ~~It~~ has reintroduced historical herbal pharmacopeia
along with several cannabis-themed cuisines, ~~popping all over the country.~~

Commented [TM1]: Capitalized headline style.

Commented [TM2]: I've run-in the second title line and separated the two titles with a colon. Is this okay?

Commented [TM3]: I've added a question mark to the title to tip the reader off on the uncertain nature of the situation. Is this okay?

Commented [4]: Could you try a title like "Economy & Tourism" as the title of Part 1? The article takes quite a focus on these topics, and I think it's important to keep things organized for readers.

Commented [TM5]: I've switched this comma to a semicolon to create a bit more separation between these two clauses. It's a long sentence and this will help keep readers on track.

Commented [TM6]: I switched the infinitive verb to a noun to better fit into the serial comma list.

Commented [TM7]: I've included this phrase to maintain "Thailand" as the subject of the sentence.

Commented [TM8]: Is this casual language okay?

Commented [TM9]: I'm cutting this language to maintain an authoritative voice.

Commented [10]: I think this is one of the points you could expand on if you're looking to add length to the article. Could you go into more detail, include factual information, insights, etc?

Commented [TM11]: I'm cutting this to avoid repetition.

Commented [TM12]: I've placed this dependent clause at the beginning of the sentence to avoid squinting modifier.

Commented [TM13]: I've cut this to avoid unnecessary information. I think if has been decriminalized, the reader can assume that the government has supported it.

Commented [TM14]: I'm cutting this to avoid repetition.

Commented [TM15]: I've cut an paste this to the prior line to flow better with the explanation. OK?

Commented [TM16]: I cut this to avoid wordiness.

Commented [17]: I have moved this point from Part 3 to Part 1 because it is in direct reference to the Thai government which relates to the introduction and transition sentences which you used to open the article. Is this okay?

Commented [TM18]: I used a semicolon to more closely associate two independent clauses.

Commented [TM19]: Removed to avoid squinting modifier.

Part 2: Investors & Public Health

The ~~green rush~~ ~~wild wild west~~ has opened doors to ~~allow~~ growers and civilians to acquire legal papers that will ~~permit~~ ~~allow~~ the sales of cannabis to the public. ~~†The price is 3,000 THB to register as a seller. (price 3,000 THB)~~

The legal benchmark ~~(details of which are, at the moment, very much up in the air and up for interpretation)~~ came as a surprise to all. ~~Details that at the moment are very much in the air and up for 'interpretation'~~ but ~~supporting cannabis~~ has always been ~~part of~~ a plan to win votes ~~in amidst~~ the political uncertainty in the country. ~~Details that at the moment are very much in the air and up for 'interpretation'~~

Seems like the rules are changing continuously right now, it's pretty much wild country ~~right know~~ with ambiguous laws ~~at this point~~. Even though investors are flying in from each corner of the world to get slice, ~~What a cluster~~ if you are in the middle of setting up a cannabis business, ~~what a cluster!~~

No regulations in sales, or imports, no standards or public safety announcements, or advertising.

The unregulated market has provided several loop-holes that will possibly give a head start to some groups of investors to move ~~ahead~~ of the market, ~~or~~ until new regulations are set in place.

The current cannabis legislation is being put together as we speak, but some have shown worry ~~isome~~ that the laws will give ~~a nudge~~ ~~a heads-up~~ for people with big money to invest. The unregulated market has ~~stirred~~ up some foreseeable problems such as ~~the~~ unfair amounts of

Commented [20]: Maybe you could try a title like "Investors & Public Health" as a title and focus for Part 2? These are major themes in your article, and I think it's important to highlight and organize these themes for your readers.

Commented [TM21]: I've reused your term "green rush" here, to avoid the repetition of the term "the Wild West" which you use again in a few paragraphs. The Wild West might be too closely associated with the USA to be used here anyways.

Commented [TM22]: I included this verb to avoid a misreading of subject and objects.

Commented [TM23]: Avoiding repetition.

Commented [24]: Moved just below.

Commented [25]: Alex, do you think you could expand a little more here, and explain to your readers exactly what this legal benchmark was?

Commented [26]: Do you think you could expand a bit more on what these details are, and maybe what you mean by 'interpretation'?

Commented [TM27]: I've included this to establish a clear subject. Is the language okay?

Commented [28]: Do you think you could expand a bit more on what these details are, and maybe what you mean by 'interpretation'?

Commented [TM29]: I've relocated this to the front of the passage for clarity.

Commented [30]: I think this is another point you could expand on. Might you think of going into a couple details of exactly what has happened lately?

Commented [TM31]: Avoiding repetition.

Commented [TM32]: Q: What do you mean by "cluster" here? Is this a positive term for a large concentration of potential market, or a negative term for a lack of space and increased disorganization? None the less, I have rearranged this sentence and added an exclamation point for better readability.

Commented [33]: I have moved this point from Part 1 to Part 2 because it can serve as a support to your discussion on investors. Is this okay?

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Commented [TM35]: Q: Did you mean "at least until new regulations are set in place". Meaning these investors ... [2]

Commented [TM36]: Avoiding repetition. Is this okay?

imported flowers (especially from the United States) which has ~~in turn stirred aroused~~ debates on social media. ~~as they are taking in big sales in the current flower market around the country.~~

~~b~~But the current ~~grey area~~ market ~~is~~ in limbo ~~—~~ with dire consequences. The new changes have created a grey area for recreational use that has ~~further provoked stirred~~ controversy among ~~the~~in public ~~—~~ with the freedom to use ~~—~~ or maybe too much freedom?

In a country where alcohol sales coincide with Buddhist holidays and daily curfews, it seems that cannabis is getting a free ~~-hall~~ pass with ~~restrictions being applied only limits being to~~ people under 20 years of age and ~~restrictions of sales to~~ pregnant individuals. ~~only.~~ ~~And Now the~~ question is, how strict are they going to enforce these regulations and protections for consumers? ~~:-~~

The ~~biggest~~only concern for the public right now is the limited information ~~on~~about safe ~~-~~ consumption and the effects of different ~~methods~~ administrations. ~~To further dramatize the~~ matter, ~~Fake news~~reports of death from consuming cannabis edibles ~~are~~is circulating. ~~being~~ shared of death reports from consuming cannabis edibles.

~~Part 3:~~ The Future of the Industry

~~It's~~ uncertain when we can look forward to complete legalization, decriminalization, and legal recreational cannabis use, but it sure doesn't seem ~~that~~ far off. The government ~~is~~are pushing for only medical and therapeutic uses of cannabis, while ~~the~~ recreational use is still undecided by ~~the~~ lawmakers. ~~Several r~~Rumors have been ~~going around about circulating that~~ cannabis ~~could being~~ placed back as a controlled substance ~~once again,~~ in order to ~~be~~ regulated ~~controlled~~ by the ~~the~~ Ministry of Public Health.

Commented [TM37]: Included to improve clarity.

Commented [TM38]: Word change to avoid repetition okay?

Commented [TM39]: Avoiding repetition.

Commented [TM40]: I'm removing this, I think using "limbo" and "grey area" is a little repetitive. Is this okay?

Commented [TM41]: I put another em dash here. Is this okay, or do you think two em dashes in one paragraph is overkill?

Commented [42]: I have moved this sentence down from just above because it serves as a great transition from investors to public health. Is this okay?

Commented [TM43]: I've changed wording for clarity.

Commented [TM44]: I've added an introductory phrase and a question mark for clarity. Is this okay?

Commented [TM45]: I've added some language here for clarity, and also added the superlative "biggest" to avoid a contradiction--you've stated prior that the public has multiple debates going on about the topic.

Commented [TM46]: I've added an introductory phrase for a smoother transition, and also rearranged and reworded for clarity. Is this okay?

Commented [47]: I have moved these points from Part 3 to Part 2 because they further support your discussion on public health. Is this okay?

Commented [48]: Could you try a title like "The Future of the Industry" as a title and focus for Part 3? You have a decent amount of text discussing what may occur in the future of the industry, and I think this info works great for a closing paragraph.

Commented [TM49]: Avoiding repetition and using common idiomatic phrasing.

Commented [TM50]: Avoiding repetition.

Commented [51]: I have moved this point from Part 2 to Part 3 because it focuses on the future of the situation in Thailand. I think discussing the future of the industry is a good way to conclude the piece! Is this okay?

All over the country, wellness centers are being built along with grow centers; ~~all over the country~~, farmers are encouraged to turn to this cash crop, but it seems ~~as though~~ there is still very ~~mi~~limited help from farm to market. ~~Some~~everal farmers are already in debt from investing ~~into~~ cannabis cultivation with no ~~where support of or where~~ to sell their produce to. ²

Would regulating the market kick out or limit small businesses ~~from~~ⁱⁿ getting ~~the~~a slice of ~~the~~ cake? [?] ~~Or~~ would ~~the~~ government keep ~~the confusion from~~ consumers ~~in the know~~, especially in a country that provides little to no information to the public about cannabis usage?

Doubts aside, Thailand is definitely heading to be the Amsterdam of the East; ³ with further regulations and support from the government, ⁴ we could be seeing authentic Thai landraces being brought back to life once again.

Commented [52]: Moved to Part 1

Commented [TM53]: Rearranged to avoid squinting modifier.

Commented [TM54]: Removing excess language.

Commented [55]: Alex, in my opinion, this information seems a bit off topic. Might you think about either cutting it, or expanding the language and showing your reader how it relates to some of these larger themes you've established?

Commented [TM56]: I've revised to accommodate idiomatic expressions here, and also for clarity. I've added an expression "in the know", is this okay?

Commented [TM57]: I've included this short introductory phrase to serve as a transition to the conclusion. Is this okay?

Commented [58]: As we talked about on the phone, this could be another opportunity to expand on tourism in the article. This is a very powerful and important statement you've made, and it also relates directly to the title of your article. Do you think you could bring more information, ideas, quotes, facts, or details related to touristic culture?

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Travis Mealand

3/30/2023 3:23:00 AM

Q: I'd like to talk with you to be 100% sure about what you're trying to convey in this sentence here. The punctuation and use of prepositions can make a pretty big difference in the meaning of the sentence.

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Travis Mealand

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Q: Did you mean "at least until new regulations are set in place". Meaning these investors will get a head start until they are regulated?