Semicolons!

- Semicolons!
- Semicolons are a secondary divider.
- Semicolons are used between two items of equal grammatical rank not already joined with a coordinating conjunction. They will be joined by a transitional expression.
- Two independent clauses, two phrases, etc
Semicolons!!

- The train ride is three days; by flight it takes eight hours.
- In the fifties, Locke time traveled to visit Richard and gave him an item; in the sixties, Richard showed a young Locke the item.
- Many baseball players make it to the majors via hard work; however, he found other means.
Independent Clauses!

- Use a semicolon between related independent clauses that offer contrasting or parallel information that do not have a coordinating conjunction.
- Paul Revere's *The Boston Massacre* is traditional American protest art; Edward Hick's paintings are socially conscious art with a religious strain.
Run On Sentences (An Intro)

- We will talk about this later in the week, but using only a comma or no punctuation between independent clauses will create a run on sentence.
- The sun is high, put on some sunblock. (run on)
Independent Clauses With Transitional Words

- Use a semicolon before a transitional word or phrase to join two independent clauses.
- The transition will normally be followed by a comma.
- Thomas Jefferson brought two hundred vanilla beans and a recipe for vanilla ice cream back from France; thus, he gave America its all-time favorite ice cream flavor.
- (that's true)
• Pause.
• Take a breath.
• Questions?
Items In A Series!

- As you'll recall from our discussion of commas, if there are already commas in the list of elements you will add semicolons.
- Laramie, Wyoming; Wyoming, Delaware; and Delaware, Ohio, were three of the places they visited.
Don't Misuse Semicolons!

- Semicolons should be used for our good. Here are some common misuses:
- Between a dependent clause and the rest of the sentence (use a comma!)
- Introducing a list [use a colon! (stay tuned!)]
- Between two independent clause joined by coordinating conjunctions (use a comma!)
Colons! (Briefly)

- Colons are used to introduce a series of elements.
- It will be preceded by a complete sentence.
- Waiting tables requires three skills: memory, speed, and balance.
- Colons will also be used to introduce explanatory material.
- She had one dream: to play professional basketball.