

Six Traits Writing Workshop

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Questions to Ask of Your Writing

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Ideas

- What is my main message?
- Is my message clear?
- Do I have enough information?
- Do I have main ideas and details to explain them?
- Do my ideas develop and grow?

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Organization

- How does my paper begin?
- Did I tell things in order?
- Does everything link to my main message?
- Do my ideas group together?
- How does my paper end?



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Voice



- Do I really *like* this paper?
- Did I try hard to make it interesting?
- Does this writing sound like me?
- How do I want my readers to feel?
- My favorite part is _____.

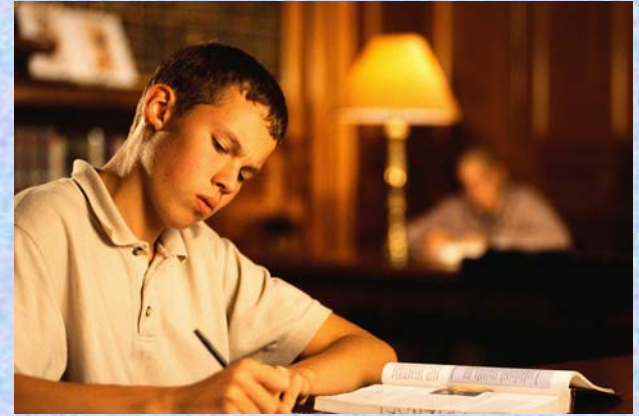
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Word Choice

- Have I used some words that I really *love*?
- Can my reader tell what my words mean?
- Have I used any **NEW** words?
- Did I try not to repeat words too many times?

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Sentence Fluency

- **Did I use sentences?**
- **Do my sentences begin in different ways?**
- **Did I use some long and some short sentences?**
- **Does my paper sound smooth as I listen to it?**

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Conventions

- **Did I leave spaces between words?**
- **Did I use paragraphs?**
- **Did I use periods or question marks?**
- **Did I use capital letters in the right places?**
- **Did I spell words by sound that I need to check?**
- **Could another person read my paper?**