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?
Questions to Ask of Writing

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?
Questions to Ask of Writing

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 ____.
Questions to Ask of Writing

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?
Questions to Ask of Writing

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?
Questions to Ask of Writing

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?