

Voice

Key Quality: Establishing a Tone

THINK ABOUT:

- Can I name the primary tone of my writing? (For example, happy, frustrated, knowledgeable, scared, convincing)
- Have I varied the tone from the beginning to the end?
- Have I been expressive?
- Did I show that I care about this topic?

Key Quality: Conveying the Purpose

THINK ABOUT:

- Is the purpose of my writing clear?
- Does my point of view come through?
- Is this the right tone for this kind of writing?
- Have I used strong voice throughout this piece?

Key Quality: Creating a Connection to the Audience

THINK ABOUT:

- Have I thought about the reader?
- Is this the right voice for the audience?
- Have I shown what matters most to me in this piece?
- Will the reader know how I think and feel about the topic?

Key Quality: Taking Risks to Create Voice

THINK ABOUT:

- Have I used words that are not ordinary?
- Is my writing interesting, fresh, and original?
- Have I tried to make my writing sound like me?
- Have I tried something different from what I've done before?