

Student Rubric for Voice

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- This is ME. You can hear my voice in every line.
 - A reader would *love* sharing this aloud.
 - This topic matters deeply to me—I said exactly what I felt and thought.
 - I wanted to reach readers—to make them feel the way I feel.

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- This voice sounds like me—it doesn't blend in with others.
 - I think some readers would share this writing aloud.
 - Reading this writing will convince you I care about my topic.
 - This voice fits my purpose—and will get readers involved.

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- I think my voice stands out from many others.
 - There are some good moments to share.
 - I care about this topic. I think that comes through in many parts.
 - I think my voice will speak to many readers.

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- I hear my voice in *parts* of this.
 - With a little work, parts would be ready to share.
 - I tried to sound excited—I couldn't do it all the time.
 - This voice won't reach all readers.

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- This voice blends with many others. There's barely a whisper of ME.
 - I don't feel ready to share this writing—yet.
 - I need a topic I know more about—and care more about.
 - I'm still figuring out my purpose and who my readers are.

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- There is nothing in this writing to make it mine.
 - There's no reason to share this aloud.
 - I don't have any strong feelings about this topic.
 - I wrote what I had to write to finish the assignment.