

6 TRAITS MENU



Ideas:

- ♦ I Can Find the Right Topic.
 - ♦ I Ask "What Do I Wonder About?"
 - ♦ I Think "What Ordinary Idea Can I Make Extraordinary?"
 - ♦ I Can Tell You My Main Idea in a Simple Statement.
- ♦ I Can Use Good, Descriptive Details.
 - ♦ I Ask "Have I Included Interesting Information?"
 - ♦ I Can Make Sure My Information is Correct.
 - ♦ I Can Use My Details to Show How Much I Know About My Topic.
- ♦ I Can Make the Content Clear
 - ♦ I Can Include Details That Help My Main Idea Shine.
 - ♦ I Can Try New Ways of Explaining My Ideas.
 - ♦ I Can Use Details That Draw on Touch, Sight, Sound, Smell, and Taste.

Organization:

- ♦ I Can Use a Graphic Organizer to Plan My Writing
 - ♦ I Can Brainstorm, Make Lists, Make Webs, and Make Venn Diagrams.
- ♦ I Can Start With a Bold Beginning
 - ♦ I Ask "Did I get the Reader's Attention Right Away?"
 - ♦ I Think "Will the Reader Want to Keep Reading?"
 - ♦ I Let My Reader Know What Is Coming.
- I Can Develop A Mighty Middle
 - ♦ I Ask "Is My Writing Easy to Follow?"
 - ♦ I Can Make My Details Fit Together Logically.
 - ♦ I Think "Do I Speed Up or Slow Down to Show What's Important?"
- I Can Craft an Excellent Ending
 - ♦ I Ask "Do I End at the Logical Place?"
 - ♦ I Can Wrap Up All the Details.
 - ♦ I Think "Does My Writing Feel Finished?"



Voice:



- ♦ I Can Add Energy to My Writing.
 - ♦ I Can Name the Main Voice in My Piece.
 - ♦ I Can Choose Distinctive Words and Phrases.
 - ♦ I Show I Care About My Topic.
- ♦ I Can Match the Voice to My Purpose.
 - ♦ I Ask "Is the Purpose for My Writing Clear?"
 - ♦ I Think About My Reader as I Write.
 - ♦ I Ask "Will My Reader Know What I Feel About My Topic?"
- ♦ I Can Discover New Voices
 - ♦ I Can Take a Risk With New Ways of Saying Things.
 - ♦ I Ask "Is My Writing Fresh and Original?"
 - ♦ I Can Try to do Something Different.

