

Rural Voices Response Groups

Writing is an act of discovery.

Read

📖 First Read...just listen.

📖 Second Read:

- listen
- jot down “reminders” (words, short phrases)

Respond – *The response of others helps us to understand our writing.*

✍️ Confirm or find the “heart” of the writing.

✍️ Answer these questions for the writer:

1. What is your most favorite part(s)? What really gets your attention?
2. What does the writer seem to be saying? What is the writer’s purpose?

✍️ Find any confusing or unclear parts.

✍️ Answer these questions for the writer:

3. What part is least clear?

Play the “What if...?” Game:

⬆️ Suggest some alternatives, beginning with the words, “What if...?”

⬆️ If you had to, what one part would you delete?

⬆️ What one thing would you add?

<p><u>Revision Possibilities</u> C – A – R – D</p> <p>Combine Add Rearrange Delete</p>
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<p><u>Writer’s Choice</u></p> <p>Accept what your listeners say. Don’t feel you have to defend what you’ve written.</p> <p>The decision to make any changes rests with YOU.</p> <p>And remember, in memoir, you have a license to <i>fictionalize</i>.</p>
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