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Pre-Conference Sheet – Partner Write Edition

- Be ready for your conference with a substantive piece of writing.
- Upload or move it to, or create it in your Partner Write Folder.
- Fill out this sheet in advance to best prepare for working with others.
- Be willing to be receptive to constructive criticism. This is how we grow as writers.

Pre-Conference Questions

1. Briefly describe the person/event/process/picture/poem/experience/film you are writing about. If you had a choice in the topic, please tell why you chose this particular one.

2. Who are your readers? How did your awareness of them influence the way you wrote this draft. Be specific.

3. Examine your lead. What strategies did you use to open the paper? Do you feel like they are effective? What else could you try?

4. Explain briefly how you organized the telling about your topic. What other possibilities could you consider for organizing the essay (chronology, space, importance, etc.)?

5. Examine your ending. What strategies did you use to close the paper? Do you feel like they are effective? What else could you try?

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6. How have you employed rhetorical appeals (credibility, emotions, proof/evidence) when building the "argument" that is this paper? Be ready to provide your partner with examples.
7. Have you used (either purposely or coincidentally) any SMALL "MOVES" in this paper? How? Be ready to provide your partner with examples.
8. What, if anything, has writing this draft led you to discover about yourself?
9. What are you most pleased with in this draft? Be specific.
10. What specifically do you need to do next to revise this draft? List any problems you see and how you might attempt to solve them.

TITLE: List 4 possible titles for this piece. Which one are you most likely to go with? Why?