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Credibility Activity: Listen to the Writing

Task: A strong, individual voice (using an appropriate tone) in writing makes the writing more credible. Improve the credibility of your argument writing by listening carefully to what your existing writing is telling you.

Instructions:

1. Read your draft out loud, paying attention to your voice as it comes through in your writing.

These questions might help you:

- Where do you sound most like yourself?
- Where do you sound most confident or "expert"?
- What sentences are particularly resonant, memorable, or powerful?

2. Highlight those sentences in your writing or jot them down here.

2. Looking at those stand-out sentences, do you see any patterns? What qualities do they possess that made them extra powerful? Make a list of as many characteristics as you can see:

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3. Now, go back into your draft. What could you do to make other sentences “sing”?

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