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What is Voice?

Discovering an author's voice in a "This I Believe" podcast

Voice is the characteristic of your writing that allows you to express your individuality; voice expresses the person behind the words. It is as unique as your fingerprint. Planning for voice involves carefully choosing words that will help show the listener how you feel about your ideas. Voice is how you make your writing passionate or enthusiastic; it's how you make your writing memorable.

As you listen to the "This I Believe" podcasts, record words and phrases that demonstrate to you how the podcast's author feels about the subject (tone). Record your words/phrases in this box and be prepared to share, explaining your choices.

Words or phrases that show the author's tone and feeling:

After listening to the pod cast, record how you feel about the author's subject- see emotions handout for assistance in labeling the emotion(s). Draw the emotion(s) you feel here face(s) in this second box. Be prepared to share, explaining your choices.

How did the writing in the podcast make you feel about the topic? Draw up to five faces here: