

Conferences



Why?

Writers benefit from responses to their writing. They refine their meaning by sharing what they have written with a supportive audience.

How?

Roving conferences: These are initiated by the teacher, who goes from writer to writer and has a brief discussion with each lasting one or two minutes. This type of conference may take place early in each Language/Writers' Workshop to help any students having trouble getting organized or settling to their writing tasks.

Individual conferences: These are initiated by the student, who may confer with another student or with the teacher. This often happens for editing purposes or when problems arise.

The listener may ask questions to help the writer clarify meaning and make decisions about the piece.