

Name: _____ Date: _____

How Have I Grown?

1. Which touchstone text did you learn the most from?

2. Name one or two things you learned from our touchstone texts that you tried in your own writing.

3. If you could teach a friend one writing technique or strategy to improve their writing, what would it be?

4. What kind of writer are you? What do you enjoy? What are you really good at?

5. What will you continue to do as a writer?

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My Writing Reflections

Think about the things you have learned during this unit of study. Read each question below carefully and finish the sentence to reflect your writing experiences.

1. The thing I like most about _____ (author's) writing is _____.

2. My favorite book in this unit of study was _____.

3. I mentored my writing to _____ (book or author) because _____

_____.

4. I tried to model my work after _____ (author) by

_____.

5. I learned about _____ (craft technique) from our study of _____ (book or author's) work.

6. My favorite part of my finished piece is _____ because _____

_____.

7. The hardest part of this unit of study was _____

because _____

_____.

8. I think I showed improvement in my writing in _____

_____.

9. What I notice about myself as a writer as I read through my work is

_____.

10. Next, I would like to write a _____ (type of piece) because _____

_____.

Student Self-Reflection Questions

Teachers should make a choice about where the responses to these questions should go. There is strong reasoning for having responses in the Writers' Notebooks, but they could also be on a sheet and attached to the final copy of writing and placed in a portfolio, if this is a practice in the classroom.

1. What are some craft moves a writer might make to slow down a moment in a story?
2. Punctuation plays an important role in text. Give an example of a piece of punctuation and the job it might do.
3. Some of these authors helped inspire entries in your notebook. Explain which is your favorite (other than the one you published) and why.
4. Tell how any one of these books might become a touchstone text for you in the future.