

Essential Questions

Be prepared to discuss the following questions:

1. What are the elements of voice?
2. Explain what the author means when he suggests, “Write like you talk.”
3. Be prepared to explain when and how first and second person can be used effectively.
4. Discuss “style” and how a writer develops it.
5. Explain the role that description plays in the development of style.

End of Chapter Quiz

1. Be prepared to discuss why it’s important for a writer to trust his or her own voice.
2. Provide two examples that reflect the following statement: “Rules are meant to be broken by those who have mastered the rules.”
3. What is “tone,” and why is it important that a writer identify a story’s tone at the beginning?
4. Find in the feature story about Col. Chuck Savedge on page 178 one example of each of the following literary devices:
 - descriptive verb
 - hyperbole
 - dialogue
 - repetition
 - alliteration
 - internal dialogue
5. Thumb through old yearbooks or newspapers. Find an incident that you think would be worthy of a historical feature. Explain how you might go about writing this story.