Teacher 6-Point Informational Writing Guide for VOICE

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* Professional, enthusiastic voice suits topic/audience
* Voice welcomes readers into discussion
* Confidence reflects knowledge, inspires readers’ trust
* Clear enthusiasm for topic is contagious
* Reader enjoys sharing the piece aloud

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* Professional, sincere voice suits topic/audience
* Voice reaches out to readers
* Confidence makes readers open to message
* Writer’s enthusiasm for topic is evident
* A possible read-aloud candidate

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* Sincere, appropriate voice
* Writer seems present in the piece
* Confident moments reflect variable knowledge
* Enthusiastic moments encourage readers to hang in
* Some passages might be shared aloud

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* Needs more voice—or a different voice
* Writer hides behind facts, generalities
* Confidence and knowledge of topic seem limited
* Quiet voice dampens reader’s enthusiasm for topic
* Not ready to share aloud—but some moments are close

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* Voice distant, encyclopedic
* Needs writer’s presence
* Limited knowledge of topic blocks confidence
* Reader must work to pay attention
* Not a read-aloud candidate yet

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* Voice inappropriate—or just a faint whisper
* No one at home
* Writer does not seem to know or like topic
* Reader feels shut out of discussion
* No read-aloud moments