Student 6-Point Informational Writing Guide for VOICE

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* My voice is professional and enthusiastic—just right.
* I use my voice to welcome readers into the discussion.
* I feel confident that my message is important and interesting.
* I like this topic, and want you to like it too.
* I feel certain you will want to share this aloud.

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* My voice is professional and sincere. It suits my topic and audience.
* The voice in this piece reaches out to readers.
* Knowing my topic helps me sound confident.
* I like this topic. You can hear that in my voice.
* You will most likely want to share this aloud.

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* My voice is sincere and appropriate.
* You can hear me—especially in some parts.
* I sound confident in those parts I’m sure about.
* I like this topic all right—most of the time.
* There are definitely some read-aloud moments.

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* I think I need more voice—or a different voice.
* My voice either fades away or takes over.
* If I knew this topic better, you’d hear more confidence.
* I have to work at sounding enthusiastic.
* It’s not *quite* ready to share.

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* I think I sound more like an encyclopedia than a person with a message.
* I couldn’t get into it. My readers will hear that.
* It’s hard to be confident when you don’t know the topic.
* I think you’ll need to work at paying attention. I did!
* This is *not* ready to share aloud.

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* It’s the wrong voice—or it’s just a whisper.
* I don’t really care if anyone reads this.
* I don’t know anything about this topic.
* I just wrote to get done.
* Maybe if *I* read this aloud, I’ll get some ideas for a new topic.