

## **VOICE -**

Gives the writing personality and a "sound of its own"

- \* say what you truly think and feel
- \* think about your reader
- \* be yourself

## **IDEAS -**

The message or reason for writing your paper

- \* pick something important to you
- \* keep it small
- \* skinny it down
- \* make your ideas crystal clear
- \* avoid general statements

## **WORD CHOICE -**

Precise and colorful words

- \* verbs are important too
- \* keep vocabulary natural
- \* specific words create vivid pictures in the reader's mind

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## **CONVENTIONS -**

Make your text correct and easy to read.

- \* spelling
- \* punctuation
- \* grammar/usage
- \* paragraphing