

CONFERENCE**STARTERS**

GENERAL INVITATIONS:

How's it going?

What are you writing about?

What part are you working on now?

Read aloud your favorite part.

Please read to me what you've written so far.

SPECIFIC INVITATIONS:

IDEAS: Point at your best detail (written into a sentence or drawn in a picture). Why do you think it's a good detail?

ORGANIZATION: Show me where you are using transitions in your writing (numbered pictures, drawn arrows between pictures, transition words written, etc.)

VOICE: Where in your writing (picture or words) did you give a feeling detail?

WORD CHOICE: Identify 2 big words you used in your writing (in a label, list, or sentence).

SENTENCE FLUENCY: Writers try to use different types of sentences. Show me where you wrote an exciting sentence OR a questioning sentence.

CONVENTIONS: Show me where you used a capital letter to write a proper noun (name detail).

OTHERS:



Photocopy these conversation starters onto card stock. Carry this list with you while you conference with writers. Look to add other "invitations" at the bottom of the list.