Writing Interview

1. Why do people write? (List as many reasons as you can.)

2. Why do you write? (For example, what have you written this week and why?)

3. How often do you write when you are not at school? Why?

4. How do you decide what to write about?

5. How do you feel about the writing that you do at school and at home?

6. What is the best thing you have ever written? Why do you like it?

7. How did you learn to write?
8. Have you learned anything about writing from the books someone has read to you or you have read yourself? What have you learned? What is the best book you know that shows kids something about good writing?

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9. What kinds of topics do you especially like to write about?

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10. What kind of writing do you like?

_____ letters

_____ poetry

_____ science fiction/fantasy/fairy tales

_____ science reports

_____ biography and autobiography

_____ realistic story

_____ history or social studies reports

_____ mystery

_____ plays

Select one kind of writing and tell why you like it.

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11. What advice would you give students in this room to help them write well?

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12. What would you like to learn how to do better as a writer?

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13. How can I help you become a better writer?

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14. Is there anything else you want me to know about you as a writer?

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Appendix 47 (continued)