

Revision Strategies for Essays



As you revise, freewrite on the following questions:

- What is my truth in this essay? What is my emotion about that truth?
- What question guides this essay, and how do I answer it by the end?
- Who am I before the events I describe in this essay, and who do I become because of them?
- Where am I telling instead of showing, and how can I revise each scene for further sensory details?
- What is surprising and relevant in my essay, and how can I revise to make it even more surprising and relevant to readers right now?