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### Journal #1: Voice Reflection

Writing is an interesting form of expression to me especially because of how different you can convey the same message based on factors like your tone. When writing, the voice I use typically speaks in a very formal manner; unlike my speaking voice which tends to be much more casual. Things that influence my voice include the audience I am writing to, the genre/type of writing I am doing, and my stance on the prompt. An example of how the audience I am writing to affects what I am writing is when I am writing to a friend my voice will be more informal and likely have inside jokes. If I am writing an essay, story, or to a teacher, an adult, etc. I will phrase my ideas professionally, making sure I am using the finest vocabulary I can. I believe it is important and respectful to speak properly when conversing or writing to someone older than you. Personally, I feel the audience outweighs other elements in importance, being that I write them to shape the overall tone and mood of the piece. To properly structure a passage, getting to know the audience sets the framework for effective writing. This also helps depict when and how to use rhetorical devices/appeals.