

Qualities to work towards in your Writer's Notebooks/Sketch Journals



- Volume** Writing in a sustained rhythm over a period of time
(i.e: “at least four entries per week”)
- Variety** Writing many kinds of entries about many
different topics
- Trying a variety of types of writing, as well
as graphical/visual entries
- Capturing different tones and moods
(serious, playful, observant, happy, thoughtful, etc.)
- Playing around with genre
- Discovering a couple of topics that matter to you
enough to explore them repeatedly (“life topics”)
- Thoughtfulness** A reader should hear your voice when
reading your notebook
- Entries should reflect what is important
to you in some way
- Entries should not feel like you rushed
through them just “to get it done”
- Allow yourself to think your way
through ideas (explore, discover, wonder)
- Occasionally reread your notebook and add to or
question previous ideas and entries