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20 MIN. WORKSHOP ON WRITING

FOCUS ON ORGANIZATION

Key parts!

- 1) Strong, clear, coherent thesis that is stated in the first paragraph.
- 2) The first body paragraph deals with the first part of the paper's thesis.
- 3) The second body paragraph deals with the second part of the thesis (and so on).
- 4) Each body paragraph is controlled by a clearly stated topic sentence
- 5) All supporting details (statements, assertions, and quotes) relate SPECIFICALLY to the main topic of THAT PARTICULAR paragraph
- 6) TRANSITIONS serve to move us from idea (sentence) to idea (sentence) within the paragraph
- 7) Transitions move us from paragraph to paragraph
- 8) Ideas move so that the reader recognizes a coherent argument (not just a list or random assortment of quotes)
- 9) There is an identifiable conclusion that wraps up the main points
- 10) The thesis' goal of "proving" a point seems to be served satisfactorily

WRITER: _____

Which Key Parts! Did the writer successfully include:

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Some Constructive Criticism:

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Some Constructive Criticism:

THINGS THAT I LEARNED ABOUT MY OWN WRITING FROM READING AND LISTENING
AND DISCUSSING WITH OTHERS: