



Now it's time to  
capture your  
reader

Adding voice to  
your essay

## Box 1

- What's something that **SURPRISED** you about your topic?

## Box 2

- What's something that **TOUCHED** you about your topic?

## Box 3

- What's something that **HORRIFIED** you about your topic?

# Box 4

- What's something that caught your ATTENTION because it had some characteristic for you, such as seemed to involve
  - Pride
  - Ignorance
  - Embarrassment
  - Confusion
  - Illogical
  - Etc...

## Box 5

- What's a story you read or heard about the topic?

## Box 6

- What's something ironic or funny about the topic?

## Box 7

- What's a metaphor about your topic?



## Box 8

- If you had to choose one word that represents your topic, what comes to mind?

Next:

- Choose your favorite two things from these 8 boxes and figure out how to add them to your paper (most probably in the introduction and/or conclusion).