Creative Writing

Personal Essay

First Draft Consulting

1. Is the topic clear in the opening paragraph? Does the first line (or two) grab the reader’s attention?
2. When and where is the story taking place?
3. Is the story presented in an organized fashion? Can it be arranged in a more effective order? Is the story organized into paragraphs?
4. Are there adequate plot details to develop each paragraph? Are descriptive details used to recreate the places and people for the reader?
5. Comment on the ending. Has the writer come to some type of conclusion or realization? Is the “moral lesson” clear to the reader?