

More About

Writer:

What do you want to hear more about?

Responder:

I'd like to hear more about ...

Doing MORE ABOUT for a draft lets the writer know what questions you have and what you're curious about. It's good for writers to know what readers want because often what we want to know are the things that will help us be convinced and satisfied. But just because you want to hear more about something doesn't mean the writer has to put it in his/her draft. The writer still has to make decisions about which things are most important.

When you give a writer MORE ABOUT read the whole draft first. Afterwards, just write down whatever you want to know more about. It's okay if you also write a sentence or two to explain *why* you want to hear more about those things.

It's Like:

More About is a lot like when your friend is telling you about last weekend's party and how a car's windshield was broken. You might ask "What kind of car?" because you're curious. Whether the kind of car matters to your friend's story depends, but it's okay for you to be curious about it.

Example:

"I want to hear more about how the foster system works; when do kids enter, just as infants?

I want to hear more about where kids that age out live, do they have to get their own apartment? How do they make money? Are they on their own or still assisted in some way?

I want to hear more about how you think we might help the young people aging out.

I want to hear more about if there are different challenges in aging out in different areas. I mean, do young people have it easier aging out in, say, Ventura than Oakland?"

Tutor Notes on More About

The Writer Can:

I could write more about ...

Watch out for:

“I want to hear more about your thesis.” What the responder is getting at here (not knowing the purpose of the text overall) would probably be better served by giving a Sayback. **More About** should be about things you are interested in as a reader, not veiled advice based on some criterion you have in mind (all essays need a thesis).