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ROUGH TRANSCRIPT -- Student Conference: Michael

RM: I read part of this...I remember your thesis statement...the last time I worked with you, you were about to start the story part. Just read the thesis to me so I'll remember it.

RM: now read me the story, cuz I read the other part... where's the story start?....[student: inaudible]...start right here, "when I was young..."

[see Michael's paper]

RM: I like the story, the part about....this part about going to church... you might want to move that, put a circle around it, you might want to move that back to before you tell about....the airplane...cuz it takes attention away from the airplane story....and I'm thinkin' maybe back here, when you're talkin' about....let's see, somewhere in here...maybe right after you talk about how you used to get on her nerves...those two sentences go together...right here

Michael: where I say she always....

RM: yeah, just put an A, move A to here...there, that's a good spot to put it. Now, lemme ask you something, her husband, is name, that's how he spells his name?....
The reason I ask is cuz I taught a student who spells his name like that...I was wondering if it was the same...

Ok, you're plan right now...you've got your thesis, you got real nice description, you've got your story. And now, the only piece you're missing is the very last part, [pointing to the board], why is this person so important to you?

What I mean is....why does it matter that she does these things? that she takes time with you...why is that important to you...how has that changed your life? How would your life be different if she hadn't done that what would you be like, do you think, if...You wouldn't want to be an accountant probably...probably wouldn't be riding airplanes...Sounds like your life wouldn't be as exciting maybe....

Michael: I wouldn't be traveling places...

RM:...you wouldn't have these goals that you have, you wanna be an accountant... you wouldn't have traveled as much, you wouldn't be the same person, would you? You've gotta figure out how to say that, that's what you gotta do, you've gotta make the person who's reading this understand that...You might say, if it weren't for my sister I'd be a totally different person....think about that tonight. You've got the stuff in the middle. Tomorrow, we're gonna go through the sentences....tonight, try to think about your ending, try to write it out. Tomorrow....fixin' it up...Good work....