**Response Group Protocol**

What does it mean to revise? The root “vise” means to see, the prefix “re” means again, so revising your writing means to see it again. The purpose of your response groups is to help you see your piece again. Your group members bring new and fresh perspective. They are your first audience and will give you insight into how others will interpret your words and what they will think about your ideas.

Go through the following steps for each piece:

1. ***Presentation of writing piece*** (***Group members are silent) -*** Author states how the piece came about, what s/he might be struggling with. Author may provide a focusing question about what help they are looking for. Author reads the piece aloud. Group members may want to jot down notes for response later.
2. Participants have an opportunity to ask **“clarifying” questions** (matters of “fact”) in order to get information that they feel would help them to understand the writer’s work.
3. **Group members respond (writer is silent) -** Each group members will respond to the piece in the following manner:
   1. State what you think the writer’s goal is for this piece (*I think in this piece your goal is …)*
   2. Indicate an idea/sentence that you think is effective in the piece *(I really like the sentence where …)*
   3. Express something about the piece that you found confusing or misleading (*I’m wondering what you meant when you said …)*

While your piece is being discussed you should take notes on your assessment tool handout.