

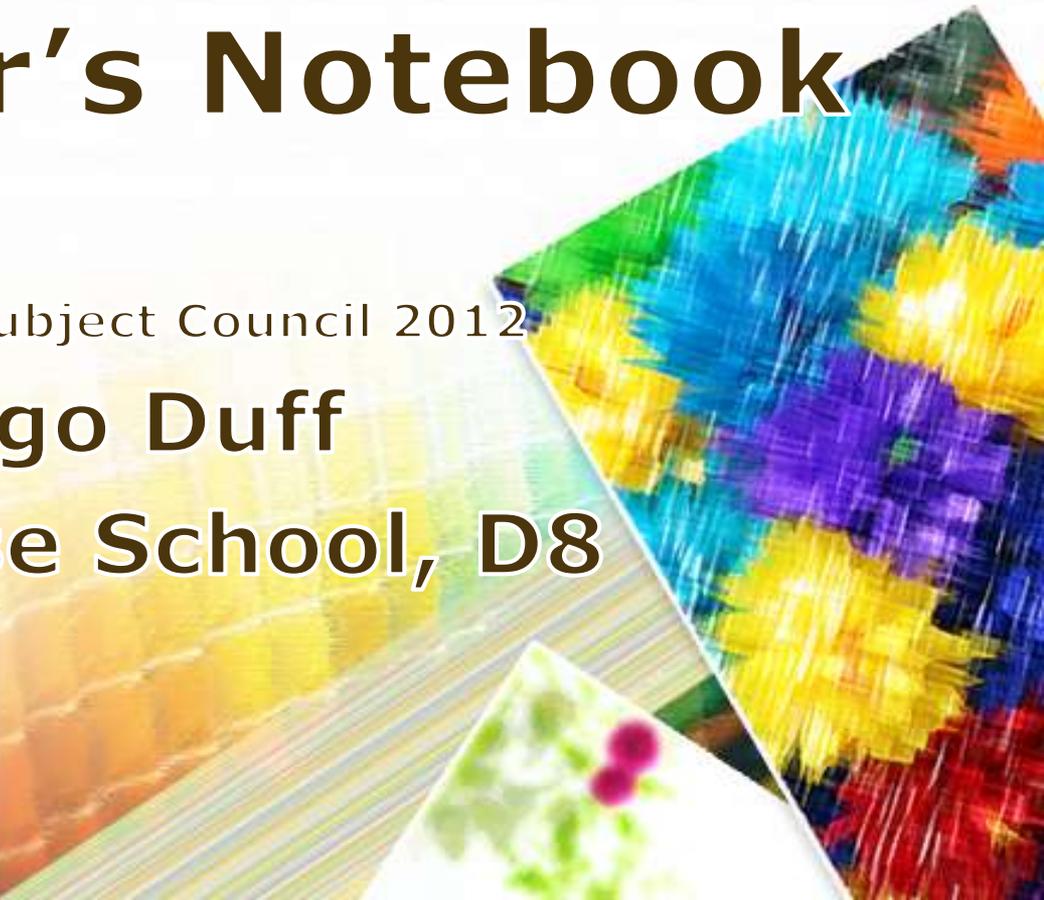


The Writer's Notebook

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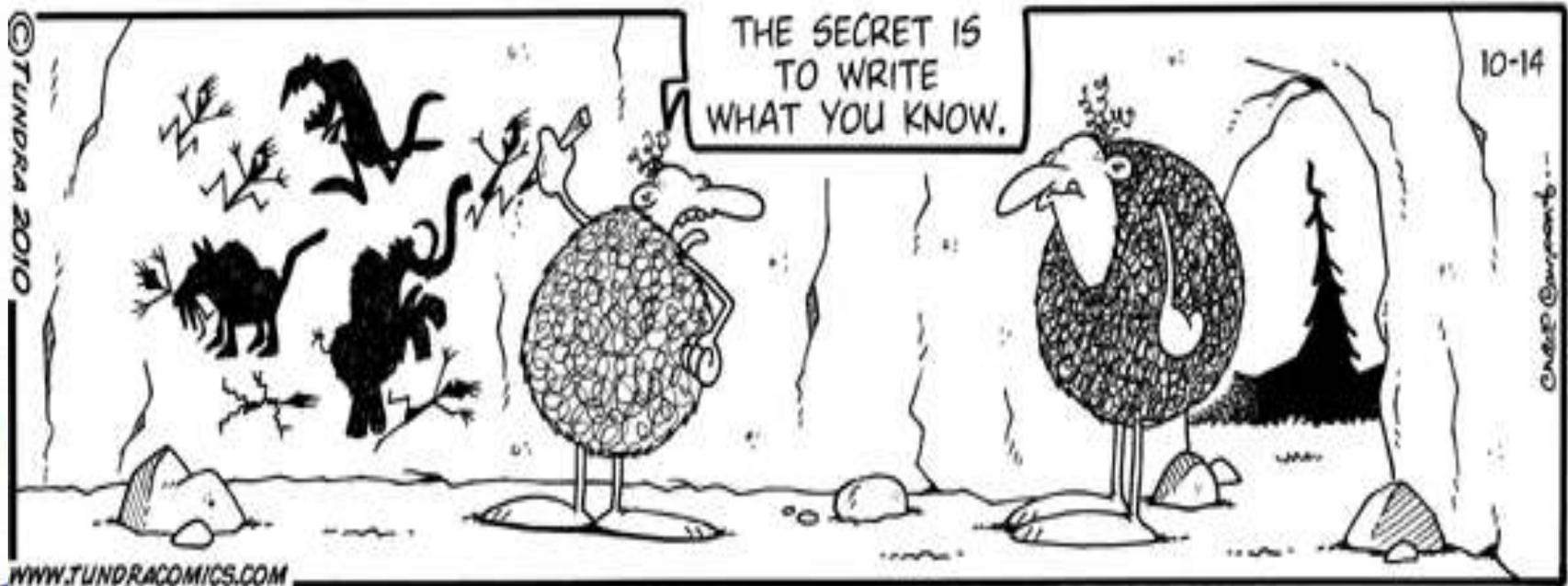
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Are you tired of hearing.....

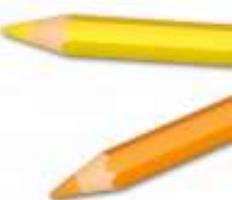
- ❖ I don't know what to write about!
- ❖ I don't have any ideas!
- ❖ How long does it have to be?
- ❖ Ah.....do I have to write?

The secret.....



Why a Notebook?

- ❖ A Writer's notebook is a place where writers explore their thinking
- ❖ The notebook reflects who the writer is at that point in their life
- ❖ Notebooks are tools in the Writer's (and Reader's) Workshop

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- ❖ Rereading entries helps writers explore topics more deeply or in a new way
 - ❖ As a writer becomes more diligent about keeping a notebook, it will evolve in its purpose



📖 The key reason: provides a source of ideas to the writer!

Suggestions.....

- ◆ Composition books: rugged, sturdy, great size
- ◆ First week homework: send home a paper bag to gather photos, ticket stubs, magazine snips, copies of photos, etc
- ◆ Revisit weekly in mini-lessons

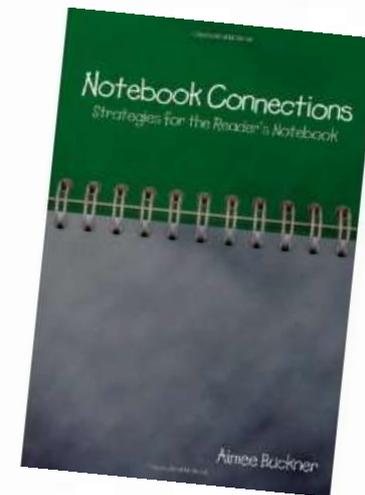
My Inspiration....

Aimee Buckner

📖 **Notebook Know-How**
Strategies for the Writer's Notebook



📖 **Notebook Connections**
Strategies for the Reader's Notebook



What's In? What's Out?

In the Notebook

- ◆ Daily entries
- ◆ Pre-writing
- ◆ Photos, clippings, ticket stubs, poetry, quotes, etc.
- ◆ Mini-lesson notes
- ◆ Revision Strategies
- ◆ Editing, Grammar Notes

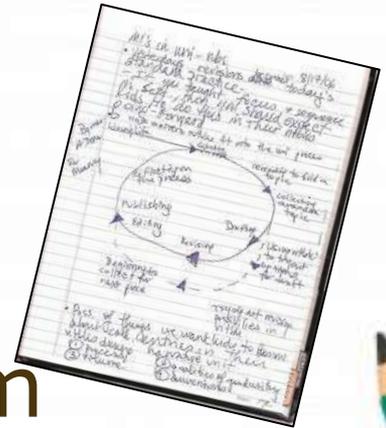
Out of the Notebook

- ◆ Drafts (optional)
- ◆ Revisions
- ◆ Editing
- ◆ Final Copy: published format

Front to Back, Back to Front

❖ Front to Back: daily entries, self-selected topics, suggested entries from lessons.

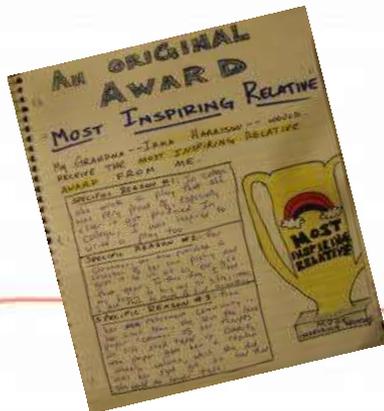
❖ Back to Front: keep notes from lessons, such as revisions, editing strategies, glued-in charts, lists and grammar notes.



Notebook 101

"What you're looking for should not be a secret; kids need examples."

(Buckner, 2005,117)



- ◆ Expectations: entries & effort
- ◆ Capitalization & Punctuation
- ◆ Model, model, model! (entries and use in modeled writing)
- ◆ Mini-lessons

101 continued....

- ◆ Aimee Buckner refers to notebook writing as entries, not drafts
- ◆ Students need guidance and support in establishing and maintaining a writer's notebook
- ◆ Must be used daily in mini-lessons and have at least 1-2 entries a week
- ◆ Date each entry

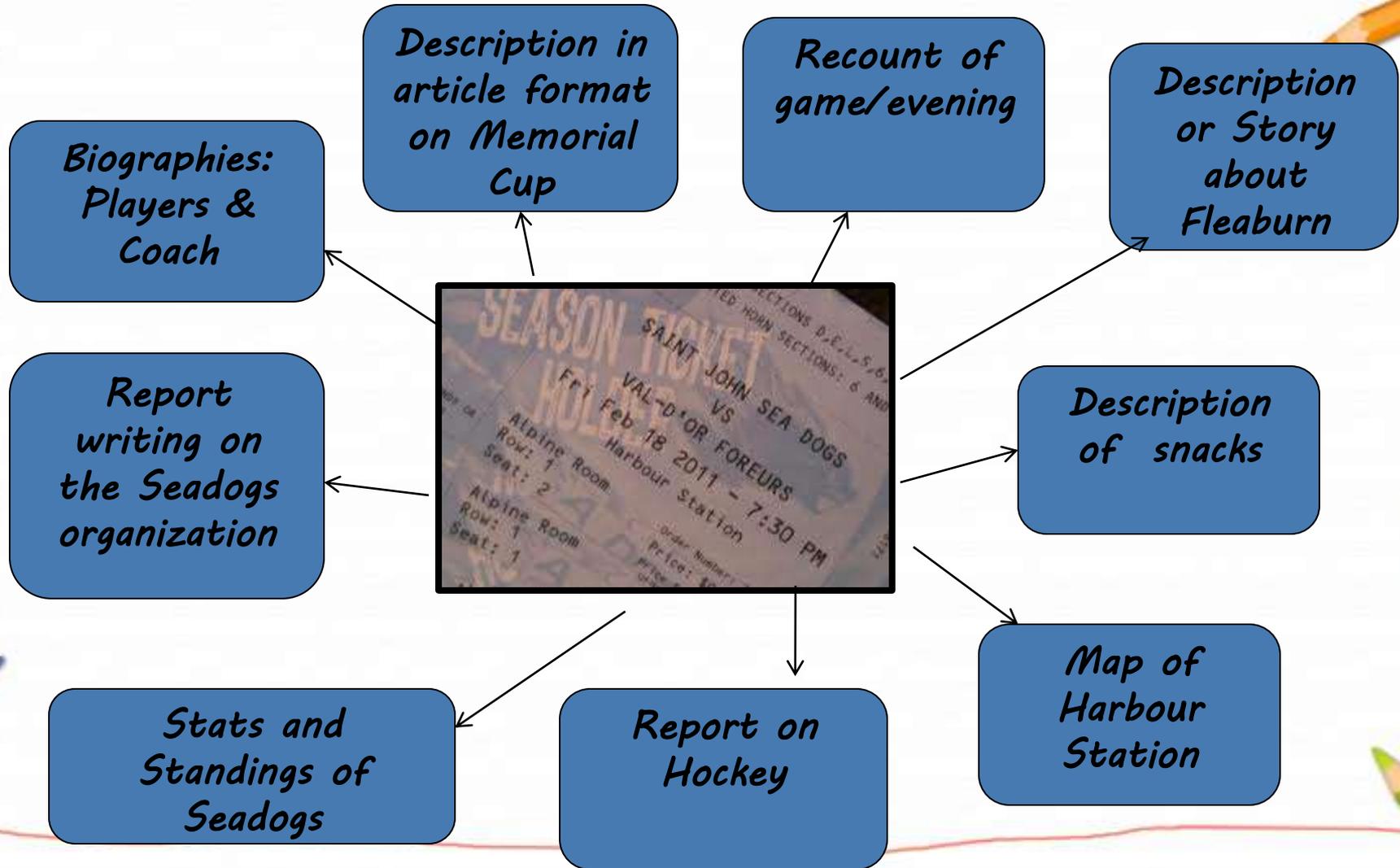




Taking a Peek into a Teacher's Notebook

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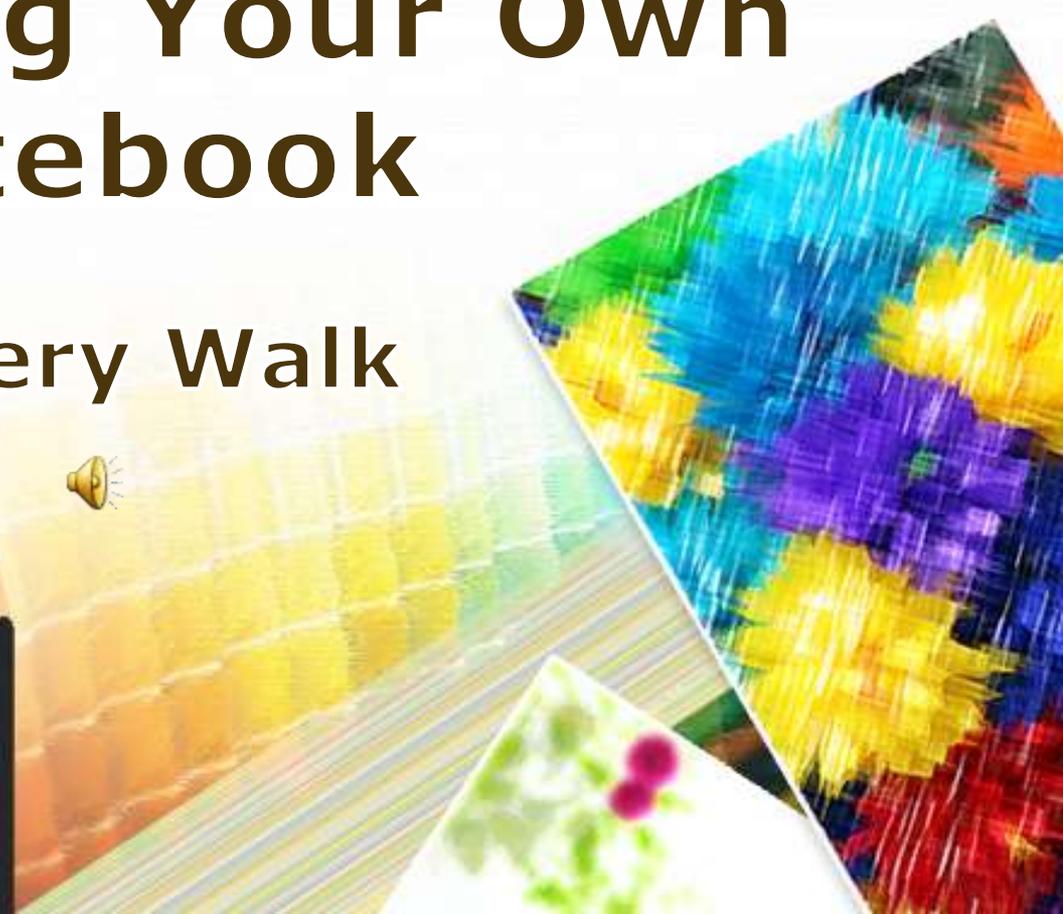
One Idea = Many Ideas!





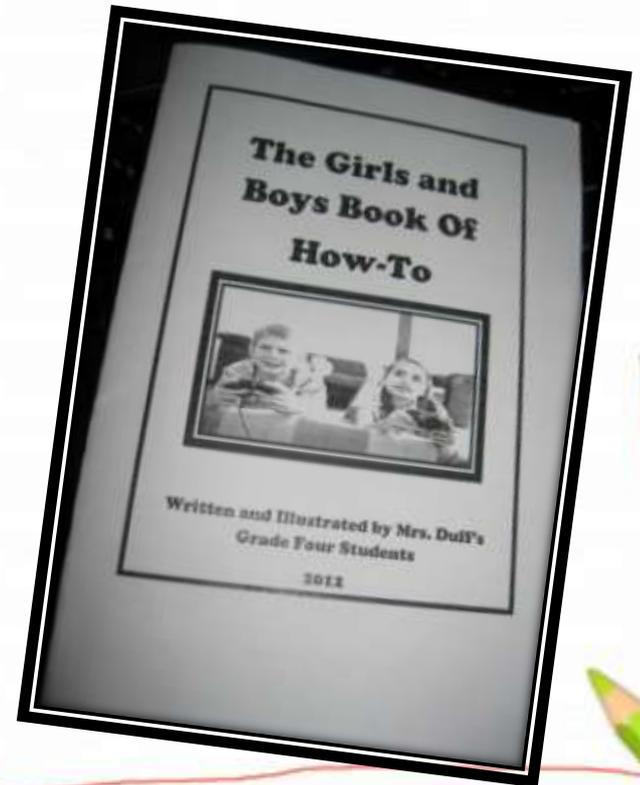
Beginning Your Own Notebook

Gallery Walk



Text Forms & Traits of Writing

♦ I Can List → Expert List → Procedural Writing → Published book

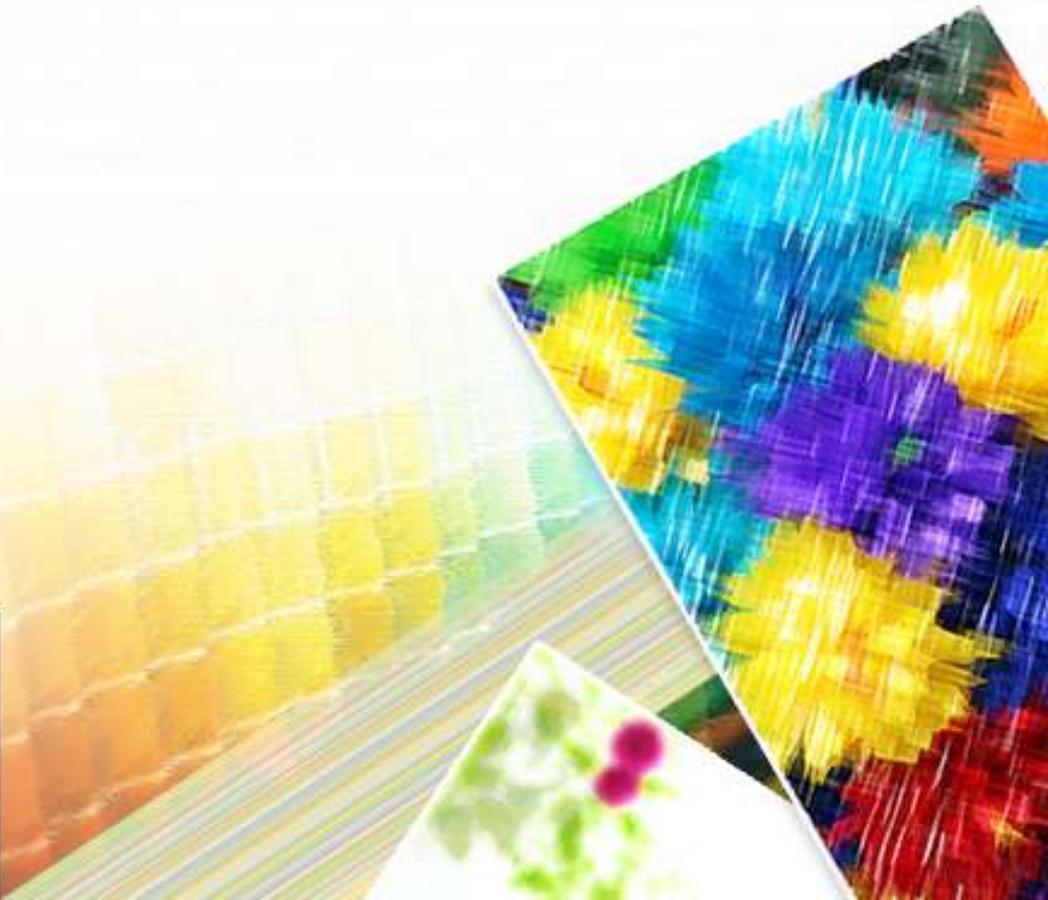


"The best way to become a writer is to write a lot."



(Buckner, 2005,125)

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Ticket Out the Door



**Thoughts, Comments,
Questions?**