

Teaching ELs *Academic Essays*

Setting a Context

ELs talk informally about the writing topic (ie: making a list of pros & cons)



Deconstruct a mentor text

The teacher guides ELs to deconstruct the features of a mentor text - focusing on how the ideas are organized.



Teacher-Guided Construction

The teacher guides ELs through constructing a whole-class text that contains the features they identified in the mentor text.



Pair Construction

ELs work in pairs to create their own text related to the topic.

They work to include the features identified in the mentor text.



Independent Construction

ELs work independently on their own text incorporating the features learned from the mentor text.

