

Enhance Writing Instruction w/ Digital Highlighters



Google Docs' Highlighter Add-on enables teachers to make the organization of ideas more visible to ELs.

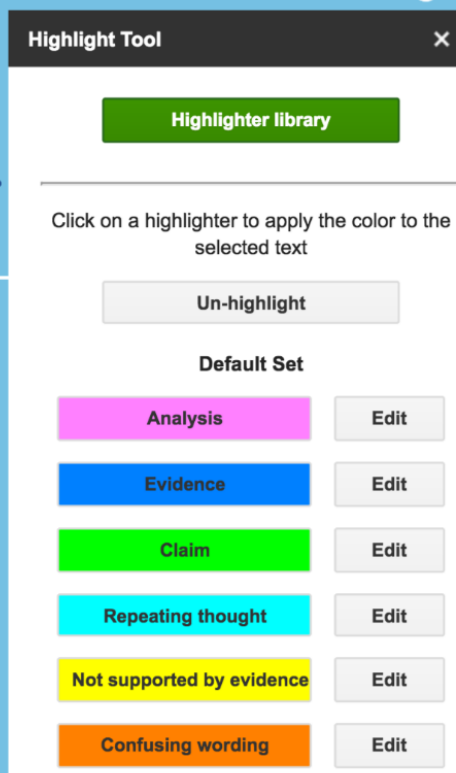


1 Share a mentor text with ELs.



2 Use the highlighter add-on to deconstruct the text.

3 Assign a value to each color.



4 Have ELs discuss how a text is organized.

Then instruct them to practice applying the concept to their own writing.

A lesson that families can teach us is that we must model for our children how we want them to behave. In "Icing in the Cake", Blanca Alvarez worked long hours cleaning people's offices at night. Despite this limitation, Blanca still made time to study and learn. She wanted to graduate so that she could provide her family with a better life. Her daughter, Connie Alvarez, remembers all the nights when Blanca would come home from a long shift at work and go straight to studying. In addition, Blanca did not have a lot of time to spend with her daughter, but Connie could see that Blanca was working towards her dream. Being poor was an obstacle that causes many problems, but it taught Connie that she has to make time for what's important. Connie said that after watching her mom work hard to graduate, it made her more persistent to graduate from college. No matter how much time something takes or how much work you have to do, it's important to never give up on reaching your dreams.