ELA

PersonalizedPD’s continuous learning process has teachers surface challenges in their classroom and try proven teaching strategies to find what works to accelerate student learning. Our 5,000+ proven strategies (pulled from the lessons of our highly-effective Master Teachers) are organized in a strategy browser by Student Growth Areas and corresponding Teaching Challenges. Our ELA Teaching Challenges are aligned to the ELA CCSS and organized within the SGAs to build in complexity from entry to mastery.

Student Growth Areas & Teaching Challenges

Developing Foundational Language Skills
- Complete Sentences and Rules of Grammar
- Accept Feedback
- Self-monitor Language Development
- Actively Listen and Respond to Conversations
- Initiate and Sustain a Conversation

Developing Foundational Reading Skills
- Words and Word Parts
- Vocabulary Skills
- Phonics Skills
- Apply Decoding and Reading Strategies
- Accept Feedback to Improve Reading Skills
- Strategic Groups
- Read with Accuracy and Fluency

Building Comprehension & Independent Reading Skills
- Independent Reading Routines
- Set Goals and Track Progress
- Use Feedback to Improve
- Record Thinking while Reading
- Discuss Books
- Self-monitor Comprehension Skills

Citing Evidence
- Activate Prior Knowledge and Engage
- Collect Evidence
- Apply Reading Strategies
- Accept Feedback
- Annotate Evidence
- Organize, Analyze, and Evaluate Evidence

Draft a Text-dependent Response
- Write an Effective Argument

Thinking Critically about Writing
- Independent Writing Routines
- Brainstorm and Prewrite
- Research
- Present and Accept Feedback
- Assess Writing Progress
- Draft
- Revise
- Edit
- Demonstrate Understanding of the Writing Process

Perservering with a Complex Text
- Activate Prior Knowledge and Engage
- Acquire Academic Vocabulary
- Take Risks
- Self-monitor Comprehension
- Encourage Shared Reading
- Take Notes while Reading
- Annotate for Themes, Questions, and Clarifications
- Analyze for Craft and Structure
How can I help students draft a text-dependent response?

**INDICATORS OF SUCCESS**

» Students are able to use 2 or more pieces of textual evidence to answer a writing prompt or question
» Students are able to cite 2 or more pieces of textual evidence and explain why each piece of evidence is relevant in writing.

Sample Strategies

**Oreo Writing Graphic Organizer**

Andrea uses a graphic organizer to teach her students to write opinions, reasons, and examples (OREO). Her students write their own text-dependent responses based on the outline and scaffolding that this OREO organizer provides. Organizers help students to visualize how they should structure their ideas and evidence into a cohesive piece.

**RACE Method for a Text-Dependent Paragraph**

Amy teaches her students to use the RACE method to write a paragraph to cite evidence from the text. Amy first models for her students each part of the RACE protocol using a focus question. Students work together to find evidence within the text to support their answer to the focus question. Students share out their evidence and Amy projects it using the document camera. After whole-class practice, students try the strategy independently.
Color Coding Essay Structure

Nicholas asks his students to use different color highlighters or markers to create visual representations of an essay. Once done correctly, the color coding will include the thesis, topic sentences, evidence, reasoning, and analysis. This model helps students visualize the different components required for a successful text-dependent response. In the reflection, Nicholas comments on the benefits of this activity for visual learners and ELL students. The different documents and images show three different versions of the visual model created by students.

Opinion Writing Graphic Organizer

Sara uses a specialized graphic organizer to support students in drafting their opinion pieces based on the notes they take leading up to this lesson. Students reference and incorporate their notes, and follow the outline to create a strong first draft. Organizers help student build the idea of writing structure and cohesiveness.