Teaching ELs Academic Essays

Setting a Context
ELs talk informally about the writing topic (i.e., 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.

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