

Structure of a Writing Conference

Parts	Looks like in <i>Teaching</i>
<p>Research the writer: Tip: While the writer is talking you are actively listening for a compliment and what you might teach. TIP: Don't let them go on and on about the piece watch your time!</p>	<p>Say: <i>Can you tell me the work you're doing as a writer?</i> <i>What's your plan/goal for your writing today?</i> <i>What are you trying to get better at?</i> <i>What strategies are you using?</i></p>
<p>Compliment the writer: Tip: The most important part THE COMPLIMENT!! It should be a paragraph of words</p>	<p>Say: <i>Can I give you a compliment? One thing that you're doing well that other writers do is...</i> <i>This is important because (it helps your reader get really relive the story with you, it helps hook your reader, it helps your reader feel differently/think differently, etc)...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name what the writer is doing (or almost doing) well • Say WHY that's important • Tell them to do it again and again (in any writing)
<p>Teach the writer: Tip: teach ONE thing</p>	<p>Say: <i>One thing that I have been working on....One thing that can help you...Let's make that even better (building on the compliment) DO NOT SAY BUT!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May give a little demo using your notebook • May do a little explain and example • May get the writer to start writing and coach them
<p>Active Engage the writer: Tip: Quick try-out. If they write it, you may even get another conference started and come back to check on that writer.</p>	<p>Say: <i>Now try it on your writing...</i> Have the writer try it out in the air or on paper</p>
<p>Link the writer:</p>	<p>Say: <i>Wow! Now this strategy (name it here with a skill and strategy) is one you can start using in ANY writing piece. Here's a strategy card to remind you this should be part of your writing backpack of tools.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close out the conference by naming the teaching point again • Leave the writer with a strategy card