

What Sub-Skills Make Up Organization?

Discussion questions for groups of teachers: Of the following organization sub-topics, for which do you currently have lessons? What do lessons look like if they focus a student on just one of these sub-topics? What are other organization sub-topics that might be listed here to make the list more complete for you?

_____ beginning the writing with a strong introduction by
_____ starting with a question or riddle or
_____ starting with a quotation or sound effect or
_____ starting with an intriguing description or
_____ starting by sharing an unusual fact or
_____ or...?

_____ ending the writing with a satisfying conclusion by
_____ proving to reader that all posed questions have been answered or
_____ linking conclusion back to the introduction or
_____ or...?

_____ creating paragraphs purposefully
_____ pre-planning paragraphs with graphic organizers
_____ using questions to inspire paragraphs
_____ using formulas to teach paragraphing

_____ sequencing events or ideas purposefully
_____ using transition words to thoughtfully move from idea to idea
_____ planning pacing during pre-writing with graphic organizers

_____ creating a title that stands for entire piece of writing

_____ or...?

The WritingFix website has free lessons and resources for most of these trait sub-skills. The goal of the WritingFix website is to eventually have dozens of lessons on each sub-skill above.

