

Connect Instruction to the 6 Writing Traits: The 3-Minute Exit Ticket

Up the ante as your students get better with Exit Tickets! Build better student writing skills by challenging them with writers' language as you explain your expectations to your student's Exit Ticket answers:

The writing traits this WAC activity could easily help reinforce in student writing:

Idea Development

- "Practice good IDEA DEVELOPMENT by putting your answer completely in your own words today."
- "Show good IDEA DEVELOPMENT in your answer by revealing your Exit Ticket topic in your first sentence. Follow your first sentence with two or three sentences that explain your answer with deeper thinking."
- "Hide three interesting and unique details in your answer. That's part of IDEA DEVELOPMENT. I want to see if I can find your three interesting and unique details."

Organization

- "Write a hamburger paragraph as your answer today. ORGANIZE your writing by stating the topic, supporting it with two or three details, then concluding with a personal thought."
- "Practice good ORGANIZATION in writing by thinking about your answer's introduction and conclusion. Your first sentence and your last sentence in your answer need to refer to each other somehow."

Conventions

- "Show me you're thinking about writing CONVENTIONS today! Today's topic: spelling. Anyone who spells one of our vocabulary words wrong in their answer today has to rewrite their Exit Ticket tomorrow as extra homework!"
- "Let's challenge you with the writing CONVENTION called punctuation today: Extra credit to anyone who can not only use a semi-colon correctly in their answer but can also prove to me they used it correctly."