Critical Concepts 7.5A Non-Fiction Writing Lesson Plans
Turning Graphic Organizers into Writing Responses

Each of the sample responses models turning our graphic organizers into complete paragraph responses

Prompt:
Identify the overall structure of your text. Then explain how at least two major sections contribute to the development of the author's ideas.

1. Overall structure identified
2. Section 1 Contribution
3. Section 2 Contribution
4. Explanation of how both contribute to development of the whole text

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I Do Model Writing (Honey and Health)

The article uses a description structure. In one section, the author says honey "improves digestive health," which contributes to the idea that honey helps wellness. Another section states honey "soothes sore throats," which adds evidence that honey heals illness. Together, these sections contribute to the author's central claim that honey benefits overall health.

We Do Model Writing (Voting Rights Act)

The text follows a chronological structure. In one section, the author describes "events in Selma," which show the problem of injustice. In another, the author explains "Congress passed the Act," which shows the solution. Together, these sections contribute by showing how injustice led to action and legal change.

You Do with Partner Model Writing (Dalai Lama)

This biography uses a chronological structure. One section explains the Dalai Lama's birth and discovery as a reincarnated leader, while another details his exile after the Chinese invasion. These sections contribute to the idea that the Dalai Lama's leadership developed under both spiritual tradition and political struggle.

You Do Independently Model Writing (Deforesting, NASA)

The text uses a cause and effect structure. In one section, it identifies "cutting trees for agriculture" as a cause of deforestation. Another section describes "loss of biodiversity" as an effect. Together, these sections contribute to the development of the central idea that human activity has serious environmental consequences.