Crafting Skill-Based Writing Lessons

A workshop for collaborating teachers

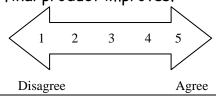
Please rank (from 1 to 5) your level of agreement with the following seven statements.

1 indicates a <u>strong</u> disagreement;

5 indicates a <u>strong</u> agreement.

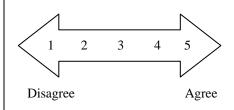
Topic 3: Talk during the Writing Process

If students are allowed to talk to each other before, during, and after the writing process about what they are writing, the quality of their final product improves.



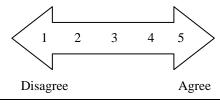
Topic 6: Student Choice

Students will be more invested in writing assignments if they are allowed to choose topics to write about.



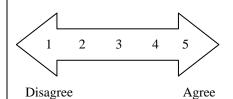
Topic 1: Graphic Organizers

Without a graphic organizer, most students would not produce writing that is organized.



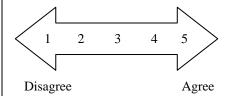
Topic 4: Trait or Skill Focus

A very specific trait (or writing skill) should be chosen and communicated to students before, during, and after they write.



Topic 7: Revision

Revision is the one step in the writing process where students learn most about what makes quality writing.



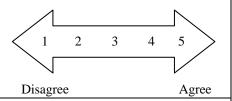
Topic 2: Mentor Texts

A published model that exemplifies a writing skill that is about to be taught should always be discussed when teaching writing.



Topic 5: Teacher/Student Models

Before writing, students should talk meaningfully about skills or traits in student and teacher models.



The Six Traits:

Idea Development
Organization
Voice
Word Choice
Sentence Fluency
Conventions

The Writing Process:

Pre-writing
Drafting
Response
Revision
Editing
Publishing