



Teaching Students How to Be Successful on the STAAR® 4th and 7th Grade Expository Essay

The goal of the Elementary and Middle School STAAR® training is to provide teachers with strategies, models, and graphic organizers to present to their students with the results of improved writing and reading skills and scores.

The day begins with a training of the Jane Schaffer Writing Program®'s (JSWP) methodology, including correct and official instructional delivery and student application of terminology, color-coding, chunking, and ratios.

Then, it's on to the Expository essay. Teachers receive and practice step-by-step instructions on our approach to teaching the brainstorming, planning, thinking, and writing process that results in high scores on the 26-line Expository essay.

Teachers receive an instructional manual, a set of pens for color-coding, and a clean set of graphic organizers. The graphic organizers are unbound and, therefore, ready to copy and distribute to students the next day in class.

TEKS, including but not limited to

- 4th Grade
 - 15 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
 - 18 (A)
 - 20 (A),(B), (C)
 - 21
 - 22
- 7th Grade
 - 14 (B), (C), (D);
 - 17(A)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)
 - 19 (A), (B), (C)
 - 20 (A), (B)
 - 21 (A)