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Informational Writing Strategies Found in Our Mentor Texts

Writers use many different strategies when they write informational texts in order to make their writing more interesting and to help the readers better understand what they are explaining.

Today, you will pull the mentor texts that you have selected to use to learn new writing strategies. If you do not have mentor texts that you have selected for the writer's use of writing strategies, your first work today will be to select a few mentor texts. You will know it is a good mentor text for writing strategies because when you read the writing, you will notice yourself thinking, "That writing is fantastic!" Try to find more than one mentor text for writing strategies.

After finding your writing strategy mentor texts, you will use your own mentor texts in order to figure out what some of these writing strategies are that your writers are using. Begin reading through pieces of your mentor texts and stop when you notice that the writer has done something in order to make the writing more interesting OR to make the writing make more sense. Stop and ask yourself what the writer is doing. Then, add that strategy onto one of the charts on the following pages. Once you have found one place where your writer has used this strategy, try to find another place where you see this strategy used. It might be another place in the same text OR, even better, see if you can find this same writing strategy used in another text, by another writer.

On the chart below, write down the writing strategy that you've noticed your writers using, the texts they are found in and examples of the strategy in use. Be prepared to choose some of these strategies to teach to your classmates so that we can begin to use them in our own informational writing.

I have completed one chart as an example for you.

Writing Strategy EXAMPLE:

Writing Strategy: What have you seen your mentor authors do in order to make their writing more interesting and easier to understand?	Text Titles and Authors: What texts can this writing strategy be seen in? Who are the authors of these texts? *Feel free to list multiple texts and authors	Example of Writing Strategy in Use: How have the writers used these strategies? *Copy down the writer's words from the text

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Writing Strategy: What have you seen your mentor authors do in order to make their writing more interesting and easier to understand?	Text Titles and Authors: What texts can this writing strategy be seen in? Who are the authors of these texts? *Feel free to list multiple texts and authors	Example of Writing Strategy in Use: How have the writers used these strategies? *Copy down the writer's words from the text

Writing Strategy #2:

Writing Strategy: What have you seen your mentor authors do in order to make their writing more interesting and easier to understand?	Text Titles and Authors: What texts can this writing strategy be seen in? Who are the authors of these texts? *Feel free to list multiple texts and authors	Example of Writing Strategy in Use: How have the writers used these strategies? *Copy down the writer's words from the text

Writing Strategy #3:

Writing Strategy: What have you seen your mentor authors do in order to make their writing more interesting and easier to understand?	Text Titles and Authors: What texts can this writing strategy be seen in? Who are the authors of these texts? *Feel free to list multiple texts and authors	Example of Writing Strategy in Use: How have the writers used these strategies? *Copy down the writer's words from the text

Writing Strategy #4:

Writing Strategy: What have you seen your mentor authors do in order to make their writing more interesting and easier to understand?	Text Titles and Authors: What texts can this writing strategy be seen in? Who are the authors of these texts? *Feel free to list multiple texts and authors	Example of Writing Strategy in Use: How have the writers used these strategies? *Copy down the writer's words from the text