

Gear Up Strategies List

“Indiana Jones” and using film clips to reinforce literary terms

rubric and sample papers for groups of students to score

filamentality

“Writing is never finished.”

inner/outer circles

sentence strips

Simpsons archive (and Family Guy) for parody

Individual → Small group → Large group

Claim—evidence—commentary

Socratic seminar

anticipation guide

The learning happens in the struggle.

The grumble is music to my ears. It means learning is near.

The classroom must be a safe place.

Abstract/Concrete writing

Unscramble—Imitate—Combine—Expand

Take writing/grammar work from the literature we’re reading.

Tone v. Mood v. Characterization

Stair Steps—Students can write their own sentences.

Foldables

Don’t rob your students of the opportunity to think.

Don’t think for them. (You’re probably talking too much.)

They’ll remember 70% of what you let them talk about.

Let the silence be painful for them.

Less work in writing → HOLISTIC SCORING

Model, model, model

Let them face each other more often.