

EXHIBIT 6.1. Key Elements of a Writing Genre Unit

Student Connections and Prior Knowledge

- Drawing
- Talking
- Writing

Building Background Knowledge and Academic Language

- Word Charts
- Read-alouds and think-alouds
- Clozes
- Text Data Sets
- Mimic writing
- Mini-themes or practice essays
- Dialogues

Scaffolding the Writing Process

- Choosing a Topic
- Research
- Mentor Texts
- Oral outlining
- Drafting: writing frames and structures
- Revising and editing
- Publishing or presenting
- Assessing

Extensions

- Action projects
- On-demand writing practice