

Module 6: Academic Language Functions Toolkit

Language Function 1: Inquiry/Seeking Information

Observe and explore the environment, acquire information, inquire			
Uses who, what, when, where, and how to gather information			
Quick-write, Think Pair Share, Novel Ideas, 5 W's and How, Question Creation , Chart (Q-Chart)			
In other words, that is to say, according to, specifically, who, what, when, where, why, how			
Language Frames			
 Language of Inquiry/Seeing information: I wonder why How does work? I'd like to ask you about Am I correct in assuming that? Could you expand a little bit on what you said about ? Could you be more specific about? Something else I'd like to know is If I have understood you correctly, your point is that I didn't understand what you said about? Sorry, could you repeat what you said about? 			
Graphic Organizers			
10 th Grade ELA Lord of the Flies Resource 1.4-Anticipatory Guide Lord of the Flies Anticipatory Guide			
Statement Bit Statement Bit Statement After Recoding Bit Statement After Recoding Bit Statement . Groups should only have one leader. . Groups should o			

 Food is more important than shelter.

Language Function 2: Summarizing and Informing

Student uses language to:	Identify, report or describe information			
Examples:	Recount information presented by teacher or text; retell a story or personal experience			
Strategies:	Novel Ideas Only, Writing Frames			
Cue Words:	In short, in summary, to sum up, finally, all in all, in conclusion			
	Language Frames			
Reporting on a Partner's (or anyone's) idea: indicated that pointed out to me that emphasized that concluded that	 Language of Summarizing: On the whole Basically he/she is saying that In this text, the author argues that To support the main claim, the author provides evidence that suggests that Language of Informing: The advantages of outweigh the disadvantages of insofar as The statistics are misleading because they do/not show These [facts/reasons/data] strongly suggest that Yet some argue strongly that 			
	Graphic Organizers			
Summarizing Non-Fiction Task: Section Title Heading: Key Ideas 1. 2. 3. Main Idea Summary	Title In Content Key Ideas Main Idea Main Idea Title Title Nonebody Who was the main character? Nonebody Who was the main character want? Nonebody But What was the problem? So How was the problem solved?			

Language Function 3: Comparing and Contrasting

Student uses language to:	Describe similarities and differences in objects or ideas		
Examples:	Make/explain a graphic organizer to show similarities and contrasts; Write in bullet or paragraph format to specify similarities / differences; Categorizing to organize terms or ideas; Verbal clarification of similarities or differences through questioning or pairing activities.		
Strategies:	Categories on a wall, Content Curiosities (Survey), Jigsaw Project		
Cue Words:	likewise, however, nevertheless, despite, on the other hand, on the contrary, contrary to, conversely, rather, still		

Language Frames

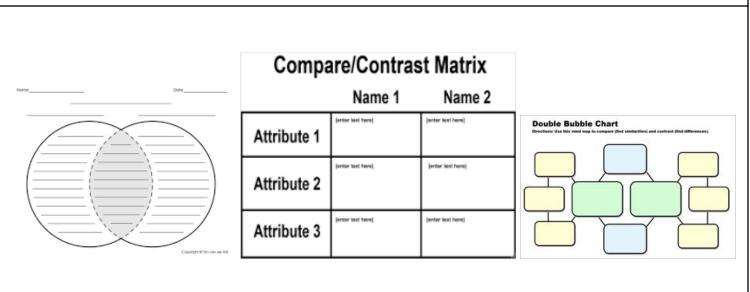
Language of Comparing and Contrasting:

- One similarity/difference between [subject 1] and [subject 2] is [Subject 1] and [subject 2] are similar because they both....
- [Subject 1] and [subject 2] are rather different because while [subject 1] has ______, [subject 2] has ______.
- Whereas [subject 1] is ..., [subject 2] is ... [Subject 1] is Similarly / In contrast, [subject 2] is

Language of Agreeing:

- My idea/answer/explanation is similar to/related to...
- I agree with (a person) that...
- My idea builds upon (a person's) idea...
- I don't agree with you because...

Graphic Organizers



Language Function 4: Sequencing/Ordering

La	inguage Function 4. Sequencing/Ordening					
Student uses language to:	Sequence objects, ideas, or events.					
Examples:	Describe / make a timeline, Continuum, Cycle, Narrative sequence					
Strategies:	Mix and match, Categories on a wall, Collaborative Poster					
Cue Words:	at which point, at this time, simultaneously, subsequently					
	Language Frames					
 While [subject 1] Finally process Consequently the Previously, h Following this even Initially Some After the next What occurred/has In the first stage/p 	nd, appeared to be was, [subject 2] was simultaneously/concurrently eded to began to had decided to ent, time later step is/was to appened prior to was that					
Name Da	³ ⁶ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹ ¹					

Language Function 5: Classifying

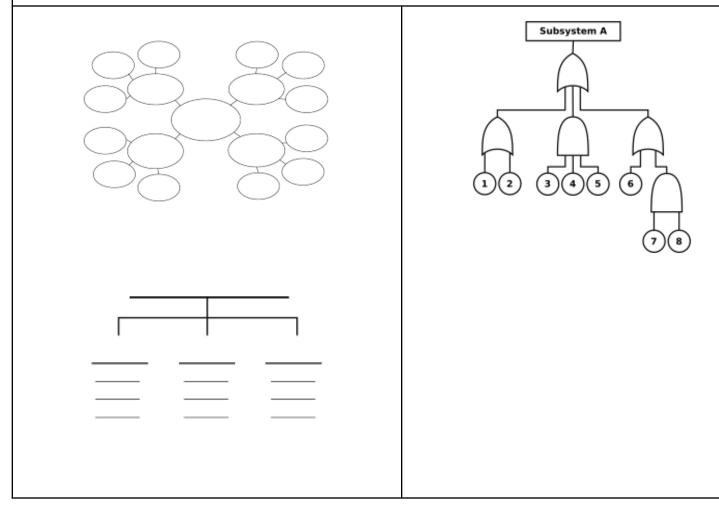
Student uses language to:	Group objects or ideas according to their characteristics. It is critical to identify the rules that govern class or category membership.
Examples:	Describe organizing principle(s), explain why A is an example and B is not,
Strategies:	Collaborative poster, categories on a wall, word sorts, sort and label
Cue Words:	Sort, categorize, select, belongs to, fits into, features, traits, qualities

Language Frames

Language of Classifying:

- _____ consists of [quantity] categories.
- The [quantity] categories of _____ are ____, ____, and ____.
- We can classify _____ according to... _____ and _____ are types of ... because....
- The most salient characteristic(s) of this group is/are...
- An appropriate name for this group is ... owing to the fact that they all... _____ correlates to_____ insofar as....
- These _____ are arranged according to....

Graphic Organizers



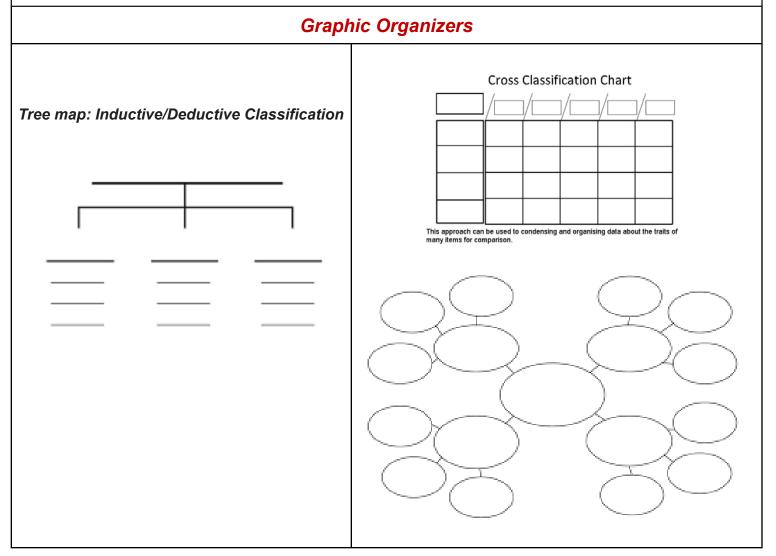
Language Function 5: Classifying

Student uses language to:	Group objects or ideas according to their characteristics. It is critical to identify the rules that govern class or category membership.
Examples:	Describe organizing principle(s), explain why A is an example and B is not,
Strategies:	Collaborative poster, categories on a wall, word sorts, sort and label
Cue Words:	Sort, categorize, select, belongs to, fits into, features, traits, qualities

Language Frames

Language of Classifying:

- _____ consists of [quantity] categories.
- The [quantity] categories of _____ are ____, ____, and ____.
- We can classify _____ according to... _____ and _____ are types of ... because....
- The most salient characteristic(s) of this group is/are...
- An appropriate name for this group is ... owing to the fact that they all... _____ correlates to _____ insofar as....
- These _____ are arranged according to....



Language Function 6: Analyzing

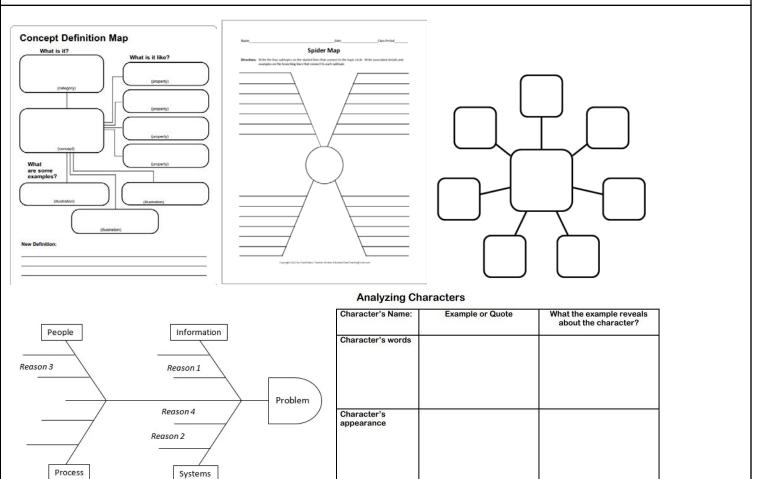
Student uses language to:	Separate whole into parts, identify relationships and patterns		
Examples:	Describe parts, features, or main idea of information		
Strategies:	Analysis Pizza, Collaborative poster, word sorts, sort and label, dissecting, various lab activities		
Cue Words:	Examine, scrutinize, break down, dissect, investigate, determine, elements		

Language Frames

Language of Analysis:

- We can interpret _____ as
- Given the evidence, we can deduce that... _____ can be differentiated from _____ based on... After a thorough analysis of the evidence, we conclude that....
- This _____ is significant because...
- After careful examination of... it appears that... _____ is related to ______ insofar as.... _____ and _____ are connected by..... This is important because...
- We can draw parallels between _____ and the world/other texts/self because....

Graphic Organizers



Character's

Language Function 7: Inferring, Predicting and Hypothesizing

Student uses	Make inferences, predict implications, hypothesize.			
language to:				
Examples:	Describe reasoning process (inductive or deductive); Generate hypotheses to suggest causes or outcomes; Describe observations using multiple senses			
Strategies:		k, Scientific metho e-reading strategi	od, Seeking patterns, Using visuals and structure of a text to ies	
Cue Words:	Guess, conclude that, estimate, speculate, draw a conclusion, believe, due to, since, in light of			
		Langu	lage Frames	
 Given, If I use Based on I deduced further. I discerned I foresee 	/ imagine that. I hypothesize then I predict. past results, I p d after analy ed thatbeca	 that oredict yzing because use ause I	 Language of Inference Based on Based on I infer that I infer that based on My conjecture on is I anticipate that 	
Н	ypothesis Mat	rix		
Question	Conditional Statement	lf, Then Statement	I can make a PREDICTION Clues Prediction Confirmation These came from the text What do you think will happen? Confirmation	
Text Clues (what I Read) +	Making an Inference Chart Background Knowledge (Schema) (What I Aready Know) =	Inference		

Language Function 8: Justifying and Persuading

Student uses language to:	Give reasons for an action, decision, point of view; convince others			
Examples:	Tell why A is important and give evidence in support of a position.			
Strategies:	Socratic Seminar, Think-Pair Share, Anticipatory Chart with Round Robin, Rally-Robin Debate, Four Corners with justification, Error Analysis			
Cue Words:	Defend, show, rationalize, think, feel, because of, for this reason, due to, right, argue, convince, influence, sway, urge, claim, beliefs, support, evidence, appeal, should, must, ought to, have to, furthermore, moreover, clearly			
	Languag	e Frames		
Language of Justification:	Language of F	Persuasion:		
 My primary reason thinking so is Per the most convincing reason for this is 	PerhapsthatingIt is vital to consider			
	Graphic (Drganizers		
Character I would Like to Be Reason 2 Reason 3	Evidence/Example Evidence/Example Evidence/Example Evidence/Example Evidence/Example Evidence/Example Evidence/Example	Opinion Chart Kane		
T-Cha	rt	Elaboration Elaboration Elaboration		
Looks Like	Sounds Like	Conclusion Averember to veticity your aplician.		

Language Function 9: Solving Problems/Problem Solving

Student uses language to:	Define and represent a problem; determine a solution,			
Examples:	Describe the problem solving process or procedures; re-state the problem in their own words			
Strategies:	Collaborative Poster, Sage-Scribe, Mix and Match, Manipulatives, Creating a Mnemonic, Mathematically Speaking (ally Speaking), Fold-ables, Pass the Envelope, Gallery Walk, Reciprocal Teaching, Create- Exchange- Access, Quiz-Quiz Trade			
Cue Words:	Solve, figure out, think about, find, conflict, difficult question, situation			
Language Frames				
Language of Describing Problems: Language of Explaining Solutions:				
 A way of thinking about solving this problem is In order to solve this problem we must first/ initially This problem is similar to We need to identify One way to visualize this problem is Let's break this into parts. First, Another way of looking at this problem 		 A diagram or symbol that might represent this solution is We know our solution is correct because The solution to this problem is I know I have solved the problem because The solution to this problem will require 		

- Another way of looking at this problem is...
- The most important thing to remember in this problem is...

• A critical element of the solution to this problem is...

Graphic Organizers

Problem solution essay outline esl/draw.com/	Problem/Solution Outline Who What Where When
Support 2 Solution paragraph introductory sentence: Solution 1 Solution 2 Solution 3 Conclusion	Why How Solution Solutions 1. 1. 2. 2. End Results

Language Function 10: Synthesizing

Student uses language to:	Combine or integrate ideas	to form	a whole group
Examples:	Summarize information; incorporate new information		
Strategies:	Allow students to create their own problem, Collaborative Poster, Compare- Contrast Matrix, Creating a Mnemonic, ThINK- Pair Share, Writing Summaries, Reports, Mathematically Speaking, Fold-ables, Analysis Pizza, Jigsaw, Pass the Envelope, Create- Exchange- Access, Window Pane		
Cue Words:	Combine, merge, form, put	togethe	er, synthesis, combination
	Langua	ge Fra	mes
 My idea is similar to/related to's idea. I agree/disagree withthat My idea builds upon's idea. Asalready mentioned 			age of Explaining Solutions: The main point(s) is/ are The point that makes is related to in that The significance of is From my perspective, means The concept of can be expressed as Our conclusion is a synthesis of and's viewpoints are related in that My visual represents a synthesis of and's viewpoints are related in that While creating, I built upon
	Graphic	Organ	izers
(Describe the main ide Topic: Main Idea (What the text is mostly about) Detail #1 Detail Conclusion:	Date:		Facts Facts routiney Question Continey Question Facts Continey Question Facts Continey Question Facts Continey Question Facts Numerican Question Facts Numerican Question Facts Numerican Question Ventiley Question Numerican Question

Language Function 11: Evaluation

Student uses language to:	Assess and verify aspects/properties/validity of an object, idea or decision.	
Examples:	Identify criteria, Explain priorities, Indicate reasons for judgment, Confirm truth	
Strategies:	Thumbs up/down, Colored cards (green – agree; red – disagree), Fist of 5 (level of agreement), Quickwrite	
Cue Words:	Judge, critique, assess, assessment, value, worth, based on, judgment, criteria, favorable, unfavorable, reason, evaluate, evaluation, features	

Language Frames

Language of Evaluating:

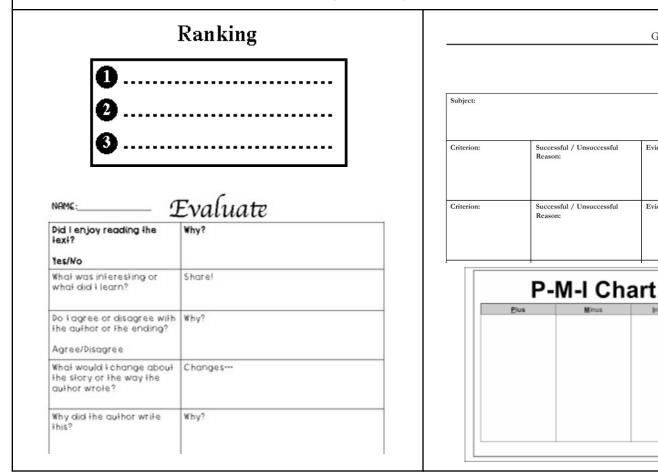
- Based on ... I determined that... _____''s judgment of ... was ... because ...
- The critique of _____ was favorable/unfavorable because ...
- We/They judge _____ to be _____ because
- We/I evaluated _____ on the following criteria ...
- I assess that.... After inspecting.... I have determined...
- After carefully scrutinizing_____ I believe that....
- My interpretation of _____ is...
- When ranking its importance, I feel that... because...

Graphic Organizers

Graphic Organizer Evaluation

Evidence:

Evidence:



Language Function 12: Cause and Effect

Student uses language to:	Describe why and how relationships and patterns exist between events, ideas, processes, problems; Identify consequences that led to the outcome			
Examples:	Make a graphic organizer to define the events leading up to the outcome or the possible outcomes based on a particular cause			
Strategies:	1) Categories on a Wall/Sort and Label-Categories are provided and students develop list or students develop own categories based on given list; 2) Mix-n-Match cards-Students work in groups to match causes with effects; 3) Foldables; 4) Gallery Walk/Pass the Envelope-A cause or effect is given and students either rotate around the room or pass the problem from group to group to identify possible causes or effects; 5) Trading Cards-One cause or one effect is given on a card to each student. They develop an opposite idea for what they have and walk around the room to share. After sharing they trade cards to share with another.			
Cue Words:	Therefore, consequently, thus, as a result of, since, because, in order to, ifthen			
Language Frames				
 Language of Explaining Causes: Even though many people thought the cause was, I believe it was The most likely reason for was I hypothesize that made them That wasn't caused bybecause Several factors contributed to the outcome. Namely, 			 Language of Describing an Effect: was a result of Theled to, which led to The change resulted in It combines withto produce 	
	Graph	ic O	rganizers	
Human Interaction Outline Goals Goals Person 1 Group 1 Person 2 Group 2 Interaction Action Reaction 1 Reaction 1 Reaction 2 Outcomes Outcomes Person 1 Group 1 Person 2 Group 2 Outcomes Outcomes				

Student Discussion Guide

Ground Rules for Class Discussion:

- 1. Be prepared to share your idea when instructed to do so, first with your partner and next with the class.
- 2. No blurting (ever) or hand raising (until I ask for volunteers).
- 3. Use the assigned sentence starter to share your idea.
- 4. Use your public discussion voice to share your idea: two times slower and three times louder than conversation.
- 5. Listen attentively while classmates are sharing and jot down new ideas.
- 6. If your idea is similar to someone else's, acknowledge your classmate's contribution before sharing your idea.

Language Class Discussion Sentence Starters:			
Expressing Opinion: I think/believe that In my opinion Based on my experience, I think	Reporting a Partner's Ideas: indicated that pointed out to me that emphasized that concluded that		
Predicting: I predict/imagine that Based on, I infer that I hypothesize that	Reporting a Group's Idea: We decided/agreed that We concluded that Our group sees it differently. We had a different approach.		
Asking for Clarification: What do you mean? Will you explain that again? I have a question about that.	Disagreeing: I don't agree with you because I got a different answer than you. I see it another way.		
Paraphrasing: So you are saying that In other words, you think What I hear you saying is	Offering a Suggestion: Maybe we could What if we Here's something we might try.		
Soliciting a Response: What do you think? We haven't heard from you yet Do you agree? What answer did you get?	Affirming: That's an interesting idea. I hadn't thought of that. I see what you mean.		
Acknowledging ideas: My idea is similar to/related to I agree with (a person) that My idea builds upon's idea.	Holding the Floor: As I was saying, If I could finish my thought What I was trying to say was		