

My Progress

Grade 5 • Cluster 2: Structure of an ECR

THE WRITING ACADEMY

Track your growth through Cluster 2!

Color in each section as you master new skills.
Watch your progress grow from Foundational all the way to
Reflective!



Foundational



Emerging



Visible



Independent



Reflective

MY NAME

Name: _____

Thinking Level Climb

Color each bar up to the thinking level you reached. Use the matching color.

Module 1: Understanding the Structure of an ECR

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Module 2: Writing a Strong Thesis (central idea)

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Module 3: The Reason/Way Branch of the ECR

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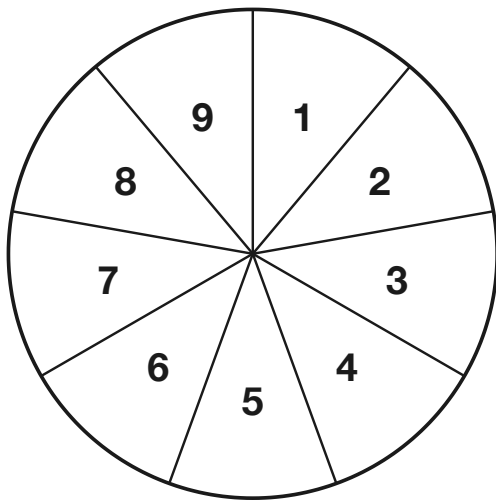
Module 4: The Evidence Branch of the ECR Tree

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☐ Foundational ☐ Emerging ☐ Visible ☐ Independent ☐ Reflective

My Cluster Pie

Color in each slice when you complete the accomplishment!



- ☐ 1 Module 1 completed
- ☐ 2 Module 2 completed
- ☐ 3 Module 3 completed
- ☐ 4 Module 4 completed
- ☐ 5 Read "Spanish Rule in Early Texas"
- ☐ 6 Read "A Harvest to Remember"
- ☐ 7 Wrote my thesis (central idea)
- ☐ 8 Built a complete response
- ☐ 9 I am proud of my effort

How Do I Know My Level?

M1: Understanding the Structure of an E

- ☐ I need help to explain my evidence.
- ☐ I can explain with a sentence starter.
- ☐ I can show my thinking in each step.
- ☐ I can write a complete response by myself and explain it.
- ☐ I can check a friend's response and improve it.

M3: The Reason/Way Branch of the ECR

- ☐ I need help to explain my evidence.
- ☐ I can explain with a sentence starter.
- ☐ I can show my thinking in each step.
- ☐ I can write a complete response by myself and explain it.
- ☐ I can check a friend's response and improve it.

M2: Writing a Strong Thesis (central id

- ☐ I need help to start my thesis (central idea).
- ☐ I wrote a thesis with help from a sentence frame.
- ☐ I can show my thinking about why my thesis works.
- ☐ I wrote a thesis by myself that answers the prompt.
- ☐ I can help a friend fix their thesis.

M4: The Evidence Branch of the ECR Tree

- ☐ I need help to find evidence in the passage.
- ☐ I can find evidence with help from a strategy.
- ☐ I can show why I chose this evidence.
- ☐ I pick strong evidence by myself and explain why.
- ☐ I can help a friend choose their evidence.

Name: _____

Words I Own

Color in each word box when you can use the word and explain what it means.

thesis	evidence	explanation	prompt	response
ECR	TREES	reason	branch	trunk
land	empire	religion	mission	region
settlement	priest	native	farm	food
fort	soldier	paragraph	detail	

I Can!

- ☐ I can analyze a prompt and write a thesis (central idea).
- ☐ I can use the TREES framework to plan my ECR.
- ☐ I can write a strong reason that supports my thesis (central idea).
- ☐ I can select evidence from the passage and explain it.
- ☐ I can build a full ECR with all TREES parts.
- ☐ I can use the DOT Reading Habit on unfamiliar words.

My Goal for Next Cluster: