

Good Morning Board: Grade 5, Cluster 1, Module 1

The Writing Academy | Understanding and Upgrading Thinking Levels in WHY and HOW Responses

Day	GRADUATE Stage	Yesterday We Learned	Today We Will...	Passage(s)	Supplies	Quick Think	Thinking Level
1	Gather + Reveal	First day of this module!	Compare two SCR responses about colonists protesting.	"From Tension to Revolution" and "The Ocean Lesson"	Passage, Pencil, Highlighter	How can writers upgrade WHY and HOW SCR responses so their word choice shows deeper thinking?	Foundational
2	Attempt	We compared two SCR responses and discovered which one showed deeper thinking using the Level-Up Language Ladder.	Play Level Up Showdown: spin a level, draw a task card, identify the level, then upgrade one level and explain the change.	"From Tension to Revolution" and "The Ocean Lesson"	Passage, Pencil, Colored pencils	What changes in a response when a writer moves from Level 2 to Level 3 thinking?	Emergent
3	Discuss + Use	We played Level Up Showdown and practiced identifying and upgrading thinking levels in SCR responses.	Discuss which words showed the original level and how the citation stem changed. Independently upgrade a WHY and HOW response.	"From Tension to Revolution" and "The Ocean Lesson"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	How does the citation stem change when your thinking level goes up?	Visible
4	Award + Target	We discussed word-level changes in thinking levels and independently upgraded WHY and HOW responses.	Recognize one word, stem, or explanation move that strengthened a response. Set a precise next goal.	"From Tension to Revolution" and "The Ocean Lesson"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook	What is one specific move you can make to show deeper thinking in your next response?	Independent
5	Educate + Explain	We recognized specific moves that strengthened our responses and set precise next goals.	Teach a partner to identify the current level, upgrade one feature, and justify the improvement.	"From Tension to Revolution" and "The Ocean Lesson"	Passage, Pencil, Workbook, Exit ticket	If a partner wrote a Level 1 response, what is the first thing you would help them change?	Reflective