Writing: Lesson 24
More Planning Practice

Today the students will be working on informative/explanatory planning again. We want to make sure they understand how to use the ITC outline to plan for a prompt using text.

The following passages will be used in today’s lesson:

The Moon
Eating on the Moon
Keeping Clean on the Moon

The Grand Canyon
Rock Formations of the Grand Canyon
Native People of the Grand Canyon

Invention of the Internet
Internet Today
Dangers of the Internet

The Gold Rush
Gold Rush Entrepreneurs

1. There are 4 sets of passages in today’s lessons with similar topics. Starting with the first set about the moon, read the passages aloud. Model how to plan for the following prompt:

   "The moon is the only other planet where humans have set foot. Write to inform your reader about the moon.

   Example Planning:
   I Moon
   T1 Living a. Weather b. Electricity
   T2 Eating a. Dehydrated Food b. Senses
   T3 Keeping Clean a. Shower b. Bathroom
   C Moon"

2. Now take a look at the second set of passages (Grand Canyon). Read these passages and then working together, guide students through planning for the following prompt:

   "The Grand Canyon is a natural wonder. Write to explain what you learned about the Grand Canyon.

   Example Planning:
   I Grand Canyon
   T1 Facts a. Location/Species b. Activities
   T2 Rocks a. Precambrian Basement Rock/Tonto Platform b. Fossils/Kaibab Limestone
   T3 Havasupai tribe a. Problems b. Life Today
   C Grand Canyon"
3. Using the third set of passages on the Internet, have students read the selections on their own. After reading, have them independently plan for the following prompt:

*Since the invention of the Internet, the world has changed. Explain to your reader the interesting things you learned about the Internet.*

Example Planning:

I Internet
T1 Invention a. TCP b. World Wide Web
T2 Uses a. Email b. Social Media
T3 Dangers a. Cyberbullying b. Predators

Use the last set of passages on California as homework. Have students read the passages and plan for the following prompt:

*The history of California is very unique. Think about what you have just read about California history. Write to inform your reader about the history of gold in California.*

Example Planning:

I California Gold Rush
T1 Gold a. Gold Nugget b. Panning
T2 49ers a. Population Increase b. Hardships
T3 People a. Samuel Brannan b. Levi Strauss

C California Gold Rush
The moon is the only other planet where humans have set foot. Write to inform your reader about the moon.

I

T1

T2

T3

C
The Grand Canyon is a natural wonder. Write to explain what you learned about the Grand Canyon.

I _______________________________

T1 ___________________________ a. _________
   b. _________

T2 ___________________________ a. _________
   b. _________

T3 ___________________________ a. _________
   b. _________

C ______________________________
Since the invention of the Internet, the world has changed. Explain to your reader the interesting things you learned about the Internet.

I

T1 ____________________________ a. __________

b. __________

T2 ____________________________ a. __________

b. __________

T3 ____________________________ a. __________

b. __________

C ____________________________
The history of California is very unique. Think about what you have just read about California history. Write to inform your reader about the history of gold in California.

I

T1

T2

T3

C