

Conference Guide

Concept Level

This level is for students who need help telling why an event is special.

- ▶ What made this (day) different from other (days)?
- ▶ What is it about this (picnic) you will never forget?

Elaboration Level

This level is for students who have identified a special event and included some description but need help in adding more details.

- ▶ What else happened?
- ▶ How did you feel before the event? How did you feel afterward?
- ▶ Looking back on this event now, how do you think it changed you?

Vocabulary Level

This level is for students who have described a special event and included all the features of the piece, but need to make the language more vivid.

- ▶ You say this was an *awful* day. In what way was it awful? Was it frightening or sad? Or did it worry you?
- ▶ You say you were *happy*. Were you excited or relieved or just content?

Organization Level

This level is for students who have included all the features of the piece, but need to reorganize them.

- ▶ Do you think it might be easier for a reader to picture your event if you told what happened and where it happened before you described your thoughts?