

Mini Lesson Template

Mini Lesson Topic Name the teaching point.	
Materials Gather materials, mentor texts...	
Connection Tell them what you taught the previous lesson. <i>The last writer's workshop, we learned how to...</i>	
Explicit Instruction Tell them what you will teach today. <i>Today I'm going to teach you...</i> Show them exactly how to do it. <i>Watch me do it., or Let's take a look at how (author) does this when s/he writes...</i>	
Guided Practice Ask them to try it out with a partner, or with you for a <u>few</u> minutes. <i>Now try it out with a partner...</i>	
Independent Practice Remind students how the teaching point can be used in independent writing. (There should be a link between the mini lesson and the students' independent writing lives.)	
Group Wrap Up Restate the teaching point. Ask: Did you try what was taught? Did it work for you? How will it affect your future writing?	