

Techniques for Informational/ Explanatory

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TEACHER DIRECTIONS: identify which techniques you would like for the students to imitate by having the students draw a star next to each technique in the left column and the right column is where the student can practice writing that kind of technique for writing an informational lead based in the topic.

NAME IT!	SEE IT!	TRY IT!
Direct Statement	This essay is about tap dancing. You will learn about tap shoes, tap floors, and tap steps.	
“Draw-In” Question	Have you ever had tap shoes on your feet? Would you like to try? First, there are some things you should know. Read on and you will learn about tap shoes, tap flows, and tap steps.	
Fact-Based Question	What kind of shoe has metal on the sole? What kind of show loves a wooden floor? You guessed it! Taps! This essay is about tap dancing. You will learn about tap shoes, tap floors, and tap steps.	
Fact or Detail	Tap shoes didn't always have metal on the soles but they do now. The metal is called the tap and it's the most important part of the shoe. As you read on, you will learn more about tap shoes, tap floors, and tap steps.	
Comparison	Ballet shoes are quiet. Tap shoes are not. This essay is about tap dancing. You will learn all about tap shoes, tap floors, and tap steps.	
Scene	The auditorium is quiet except for the click, click, click of three girls entering the stage. Their tap shoes are covered with red, gold, and silver sequins. A lot of preparation has gone into this day.	
Connection to the Audience	If you have ever been around a tap dancer, you know how irresistible tap shoes can be. Let's find out why.	
Observation from the Senses	Tap shoes should like ba da lump bump bump, ba da lump bump bump. If you like rhythm, then read on!	