

Build It and They Will Write



Trait – Organization

Title: Build/Draw It and They Will Write

Materials:

- Playdough or drawing paper
- Paper/Pencil

Teacher Steps:

1. Distribute Playdough to each student and have each person create a masterpiece within a given time period. Allow students to create and give few, if any, parameters.
 - a. If possible, take pictures of the Playdough masterpieces to be used later.
2. Have students write step by step instructions on how to recreate their Playdough masterpiece to the best of their ability.
3. Have students exchange instructions with another student.
4. Students will try to recreate the Playdough masterpiece using only the instructions they received.
5. Students will meet partners to compare Playdough masterpieces.
6. In a whole class setting, discuss the importance of organization and details in writing.
7. Refer each student back to the instructions s/he wrote and provide opportunities for revision.

Organization

6+1 Traits of Writing