** Elementary Conference Questions and Stems**

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| **Organization and Progression** | **On topic of Prompt/Controlling Idea** |
| * *What topic will you cover in this paper?* |
| * *What is the prompt asking you to do?* |
| * *Tell me more about…* |
| * *Show me where you have addressed all points in the prompts.* |
| * *What key words did you identify in the prompt?* |
| **Introductions** |
| * *What lead/topic sentence will you use to grab the reader’s attention?* * *Does your introduction focus on the controlling ideas?* |
| **Conclusions** |
| * *What are some key words from your topic sentence you can use?* |
| * *Can you tell the reader the important idea that was also in the beginning?* |
| **Transitions** |
| * *Is there a transition word or phrase you can use to help you make a connection between sentence \_\_\_ and sentence \_\_\_?* |
| **Development of Ideas** | **Choosing strong personal connection** |
| * *I want to know more about…* |
| * *What feelings does this word create?* |
| * *What information will you use to support your main ideas?* |
| **Use imagery and figurative language** |
| * *What mood are you trying to create?* |
| * *Explain how you created the mood of (excitement/hopefulness ….* |
| * *How are you comparing \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?* |
| * *What are some sensory words you can use in sentence \_\_\_\_?* |
| * *Let’s refer back to the list of sentence starters you can instead of…* |
| **Limiting redundant & extraneous information** |
| * *Why is this important? (Why is it important to your main idea?)* |
| * *What does it “look” like? ( Sound like? Feel like? Taste like? Smell like? Seem Like?)* |
| * *Did you give a specific example?* |
| * *Will you explain how you…* |
| * *Can you elaborate on the reason?* |
| **Use of Language/Conventions of Grammar** | **Sentence Variety** |
| * *How do you feel about adding?* |
| * *Is there a way for you to combine sentence \_\_\_\_ and sentence\_\_\_\_?* |
| * *Which AAAWWUBBIS could you use in this sentence to make it complex?* |
| * *Let’s take a look at this sentence it has an error. What can you do to correct this sentence?* |
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| * *Explain how you created the mood of (excitement/hopefulness).* |
| * *How are you comparing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?* |
| * *What are some sensory words you can use in sentence\_\_\_\_?* |
| **Word Choice** |
| * *I think you could make your sentence stronger…* |
| * *Can you think of another /Maybe we can come up with a better way to express your feelings?* |
| * *What is an synonym for \_\_\_\_\_\_?* |
| * *How many times have you used the word or phrase \_\_\_\_\_\_?* |