

### **Guided Practice/Interactive Modeling (20 minutes)**

- Distribute scissors, construction paper, and glue.
- Distribute the worksheet Information Essay: Mixed Up Essay.
- Go over the instructions together and then support students as they assemble the essay outline.
- Students will arrange the strips in a variety of ways. Having the freedom to do this will help them think about how the ideas are related and organized.
- Review the correct arrangement using the answer key, discussing discrepancies if needed.

### **Independent Working Time (20 minutes)**

- Distribute the worksheet Information Essay: Idea Map.
- Students will practice generating a hierarchical structure of information by creating a web of their own. You may choose to have students actually write an essay based on this idea web.

### **Differentiation**

#### **Support**

- Give clues for the Mixed Up Essay activity by providing one or more of the topics or getting them started with the title.

#### **Enrichment**

- Instruct students to write an informational essay based on their idea webs.
- Instruct students to examine structure of other nonfiction texts. How is it similar? How is it different?

### **Assessment (5 minutes)**

- Provide three details and have students write a reasonable topic that they would fall under in a paragraph.

### **Review and Closing (5 minutes)**

- Discussion: How is the structure of an informational essay different from the structure of a narrative story?