

Summary Frames

The Argumentation Frame

1. What information is presented that leads to a claim?
2. What is the basic statement or claim that is the focus of the information?
3. What examples or explanations are presented to support this claim?
4. What concessions are made about the claim?

The Definition Frame

1. What is being defined?
2. To which general category does the item belong?
3. What characteristics separate the item from other things in the general category?
4. What are some different types or classes of the item being defined?

The Problem/Solution Frame

1. What is the problem?
2. What is a possible solution?
3. What is another possible solution?
4. Which solution has the best chance of succeeding?

The Topic-Restriction-Illustration Frame

1. T – What is the general statement or topic?
2. R – What information narrows or restricts the general statement or topic?
3. I – What examples illustrate the topic or restriction?

The Conversation Frame

1. How did the members of the conversation greet each other?
2. What question or topic was insinuated, revealed, or referred to?
3. How did their discussion progress?
 - Did either person state facts?
 - Did either person make a request of the other?
 - Did either person demand a specific action of the other?
 - Did either person threaten specific consequences if a demand was not met?
 - Did either person indicate that he/she valued something that the other had done?
4. How did the conversation conclude?

The Narrative Frame

1. Who are the main characters and what distinguishes them from others?
2. When and where did the story take place? What were the circumstances?
3. What prompted the action in the story?
4. How did the characters express their feeling?
5. What did the main characters decide to do? Did they set a goal, and, if so, what was it?
6. How did the main characters try to accomplish their goals?
7. What were the consequences?