

## Sample Teacher-Mediated/Coached Academic Writing Development

### Learning Journal Assignment: *Dealing with Bullying*

- ✓ Select one of the following topic sentences to begin your paragraph (or borrow words and phrases from these sentences to create your own topic sentence).

I am aware of several prevalent forms of bullying on our campus.

I have personally witnessed a wide variety of bullying at \_\_\_\_\_ school.

Although various examples of bullying occur on a daily basis at \_\_\_\_\_ school, the subtle/verbal/physical forms can be the most harmful.

- ✓ Support your opinion/position with three “showing” examples that will help the reader clearly visualize what you are talking about.

**Introduce each new example with these sentence starters (or create your own sentences borrowing from this language):**

1. One common form of bullying I have observed at our school is . . .
2. Another prevalent example of bullying I have witnessed is . . .
3. In my opinion, the most serious type of bullying that occurs regularly/frequently/on a daily basis is . . .

- ✓ Provide one or two additional sentences after each example to make sure that your reader clearly understands your points.

- ✓ In your final draft, use at least 4 words from our vocabulary list:

involve, subtle, obvious, verbal, non-verbal, physical, category, abuse, harassment, harmful, prevalent, outcome, significant, teasing, taunting, slur, rumor, insult,