What Sub-Skills Make Up Organization?

**Discussion questions for groups of teachers**: Of the following organization sub-topics, for which do you currently have lessons? What do lessons look like if they focus a student on just one of these sub-topics? What are other organization sub-topics that might be listed here to make the list more complete for you?

- beginning the writing with a strong introduction by
  - starting with a question or riddle or
  - starting with a quotation or sound effect or
  - starting with an intriguing description or
  - starting by sharing an unusual fact or
  - or…?

- ending the writing with a satisfying conclusion by
  - proving to reader that all posed questions have been answered or
  - linking conclusion back to the introduction or
  - or…?

- creating paragraphs purposefully
  - pre-planning paragraphs with graphic organizers
  - using questions to inspire paragraphs
  - using formulas to teach paragraphing

- sequencing events or ideas purposefully
  - using transition words to thoughtfully move from idea to idea
  - planning pacing during pre-writing with graphic organizers

- creating a title that stands for entire piece of writing

- or...?

The WritingFix website has free lessons and resources for most of these trait sub-skills. The goal of the WritingFix website is to eventually have dozens of lessons on each sub-skill above.