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Abstract

Two hundred eighty-four essay examination prompts from 15 academic departments at Western Illinois University were classified into four main categories and a number of subcategories on the basis of the type of response they required. Specific content was then removed from each prompt, leaving organizational â€æframes†that correspond to each prompt type. These â€æframes†are listed and suggestions for using the typology in the classroom are given.



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