

## **Strategic Tutoring, Assessing Phase**

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### **Questions the Tutor Asks the Student**

1. Define/clarify the task.
  - What is it you are supposed to do?
  - When is it due?
  - What materials do you need to complete it?
2. Identify student's way of completing the task.
  - How do you usually do this problem?
  - How did your teacher tell you to do this homework?
3. Obtain student's commitment to learn a more efficient strategy for completing task.
  - How well did your way of solving these types of problems work for you?
  - Do you want to know a different way of trying to solve these types of problems?

Then the tutor identifies what he or she knows about completing the task.  
 Tutor asks self: "Do I know a strategy to complete this task?"

### **Assessing Phase Checklist**

*The following checklist is a tool to serve as a reminder of what needs to be accomplished during the assessing phase.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Ask the student about the assignment.
  - a. What is it?
  - b. When is it due?
  - c. What materials are needed to complete it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Determine the student's current strategy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Review previous performance on similar assignments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Ask the student how the teacher suggested he or she study?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Ask the student if the current strategy works.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Provide reasons for learning a new strategy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Gain the student's commitment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Make a commitment to the student.

**DO YOU NEED TO USE THE WEAVING MODEL?**

Student Assignment: Write a 1-page book report.

What is the student's approach?

1. Write
2. Turn the paper in

Does Does the tutor know a strategy?

YES!

The Theme Writing Strategy\*

**T** - think  
**O** - organize  
**W** - write  
**E** - edit  
**R** - recopy

\*From Schumaker, J. B. (in press). *The theme writing strategy*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning.

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If this is a satisfactory answer, proceed to the Constructing Phase.  
If not, Assess for the Building model.

**DO YOU NEED TO USE THE BUILDING MODEL?**

Student Assignment: Write a 1-page book report.

What is the student's approach?

1. Write
2. Turn the paper in

Does Does the tutor know a strategy?

NO!

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If this describes the situation, go to the Constructing Phase and follow the instructions for the Building Model.