Test prep and literacy development tips:

Multiple choice reading questions:

* Take TIME on practice questions to compare correct answers with the question: fine points make the answer correct
* With especially challenging questions, take the time to help each student see why the one answer is correct.
* Engaging all students, peers helping peers: Students work together in mixed achievement level groups to determine correct answers; the small group with the most correct answers wins!
* In reviewing the possible answers, use elimination of clearly wrong answers, distractors PROCESS OF ELIMINATION (test-taking tip)

Research:

* Practice with two passages and also with taking **three** readings to draw information

“Text Based Essay” writing

* Scratch paper is allowed for the writing pieces
* Essay writing: Sketch out Evidence and Central idea before writing. In the thinking process, the Evidence examples may (will most often) come first in thoughts, and Central Idea emerges from the Evidence, even though in the writing Central Idea is in the Introduction of the writing piece.

*ESSAY WRITING: Write an essay explaining xx and xx each show xxx. Use information from both passages to develop your essay*.

* For the Narrative writing, sketch out a plot line first, then write the story, incorporating dialogue.