“Bell Ringers” begin my class periods.

- I place a sentence on the board reviewing a detail from the story we are currently reading.
- We will first review the context of the sentence-how it relates to the story.
- Then, we will talk about certain words in the sentence that add meaning to the sentence: adjectives, adverbs, and verbs.
- Sometimes, I will have a simple sentence about a story, and I will ask the students to add description by using different parts of speech.
  - Students may be told to create a different sentence type (complex, compound, compound-complex) by adding details.
- Other times, I will ask the students to replace certain words to create a more powerful sentence.
- As the year progresses, I will include sentences with errors: pronoun antecedent errors, dangling participles, shifting point of view, verb errors with prepositional phrases. The students must identify and correct the sentence. For this, I ask a volunteer to come to the White Board to make the correction using the class as support if needed.
- Every week, students have at least one grammar worksheet related to the current story being read in class. Typically, students must identify, correct, or select the best word to complete a sentence.

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- For the first half of the year, I focus on adding details to sentences through careful selection of words.
  - I do this as we review characters and their motivations.
- If I see a common weakness, I will use our writing text for a mini lesson.
- During the second half of the year, I rely heavily on DOL activities where students must identify all errors in a sentence and correct them.
  - At the end of each week, students will complete a homework worksheet that has ten sentence errors reflecting the errors in the DOL from the week. Students must correct all sentences, and then we review their answers as a class the following day.
  - At the end of each unit, students will take a multiple-choice test where each DOL is written four ways, and the students must select the best written sentence.