Writing Application Practice: Moves That Organize

Like moves that add voice, moves that organize can be used at any point in a piece of writing. These moves are used to build a sound structure. They can even be used in conjunction with one another. Instead of four individual writing exercises, here is a single idea that allows students to practice the moves while demonstrating how moves that organize can be employed differently and uniquely by each author.

Consider the last piece of writing you did in class. Reread it, and organize all or a portion of it using a move from this chapter. (If using a digital doc, turn on the mode that lets you see your changes. If writing by hand, use a different-colored pen than you originally wrote with.) Then, exchange papers with someone else in the class who chose to revise their writing with a different move. Read what they have written, and answer the question, "How did this organizational move affect my understanding of this section or piece of writing?" When finished, share your answers with each other and reflect.