

Appendix H

<b>Planning Cues (Prompts) for Opinion Essays*</b>	
Step	Prompts
<b>1 New Idea</b>	An even better idea is ... An important point I haven't considered yet is ... A better argument would be ... A different aspect would be ... A whole new way to think of this topic is ... No one will have thought of ... -
<b>2 Improve</b>	I'm not being very clear about what I just said so ... I could make my main point clearer ... A criticism I should deal with in my paper is ... I really think this isn't necessary because ... I'm getting off the topic so ... This isn't very convincing because ... But many readers won't agree that ... To liven this up I'll ... -
<b>3 Elaborate</b>	An example of this. ... This is true, but it's not sufficient so ... My own feelings about this are ... I'll change this a little by ... The reason I think so ... Another reason that's good ... I could develop this idea by adding ... Another way to put it would be ... A good point on the other side of the argument is ... -
<b>4 Goals</b>	A goal I think I could write to ... My purpose ... -
<b>5 Putting it together</b>	If I want to start off with my strongest idea, I'll ... I can tie this together by ... My main point is ... -

\* Prompts developed by Scardamalia, et al., 1984; presented by Collins et al., 1991, p. 7