Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

Topical Writing Activities

Make a Venn Diagram
Have students compare themselves to their family members.
1. Have students draw a Venn diagram with their own name under one circle and the name of someone in their family under the other circle.
2. Write a characteristic on the board and have the students write the same characteristic in the proper spot of their Venn diagrams. Possible characteristics could include: goes to school, likes pizza, wears hats, is a girl, is a boy, is silly, has brown hair, etc.

Have the students write an informative text using the Venn Diagram. Students should name their text, supply facts from the diagram by comparing and contrasting, and provide an ending.

Make a Class Cookbook
Have the class make a cookbook of their favorite foods.
1. Have students describe how to make their favorite foods.
   - The recipes do not have to be accurate.
   - Allow students to follow their perceptions of how the foods are made.
2. Compile the recipes into a book and provide copies for all students to take home.

Students should name their recipe, supply step-by-step instruction, and provide an ending.