**Graphic Organizer Teaching Notes**

### Sequence Chain

#### At a Glance
- Studying a sequence of events
- Understanding a political or science process, such as steps in conducting research in psychology
- Analyzing a process, such as how a car engine works

#### Differentiated Instruction: Lesson 2
Tell struggling students they will be composing an eyewitness account of an event. Ask them to suggest an event they have studied recently. Then prompt the students to list the steps in sequence.

#### Optional Graphic Organizer
You can also use a time line to have students put historical events in sequential, or chronological, order.

### LESSON 1 SUPPORT FOR READING

**Step-by-Step Strategy**

1. Choose a topic: a process or a series of events detailed enough for students to discuss.
2. Ask students to read the material about the topic and take notes on it.
3. After students have finished reading, enter the topic for the Sequence Chain on the graphic organizer and display it for the students.
4. Conduct a group brainstorming session in which students identify and you list the sequence of events or steps in the process. Make sure students realize that the exact order of events/steps is essential.
5. At the end of the group discussion, ask students to write a one- or two-sentence summary of the events/steps.

### LESSON 2 SUPPORT FOR WRITING

**Step-by-Step Strategy**

1. Give students the assignment to write an eyewitness account of an event. The account will be presented chronologically as a five-sentence e-mail.
2. Use the graphic organizer to model a sequence with the topic you have assigned or with a different example.
3. Conduct a group brainstorming session in which students identify and you list the sequence of events. Make sure students realize that the exact order of events is essential. Remind students that writers often establish their order with words such as *first, then, finally,* etc.
4. Have students develop an attention-getting opening sentence.
5. Give students the following reminders for their e-mail.
   - Introduce the main subject of your e-mail.
   - Include the important events in sequential order.
   - Summarize the outcome.