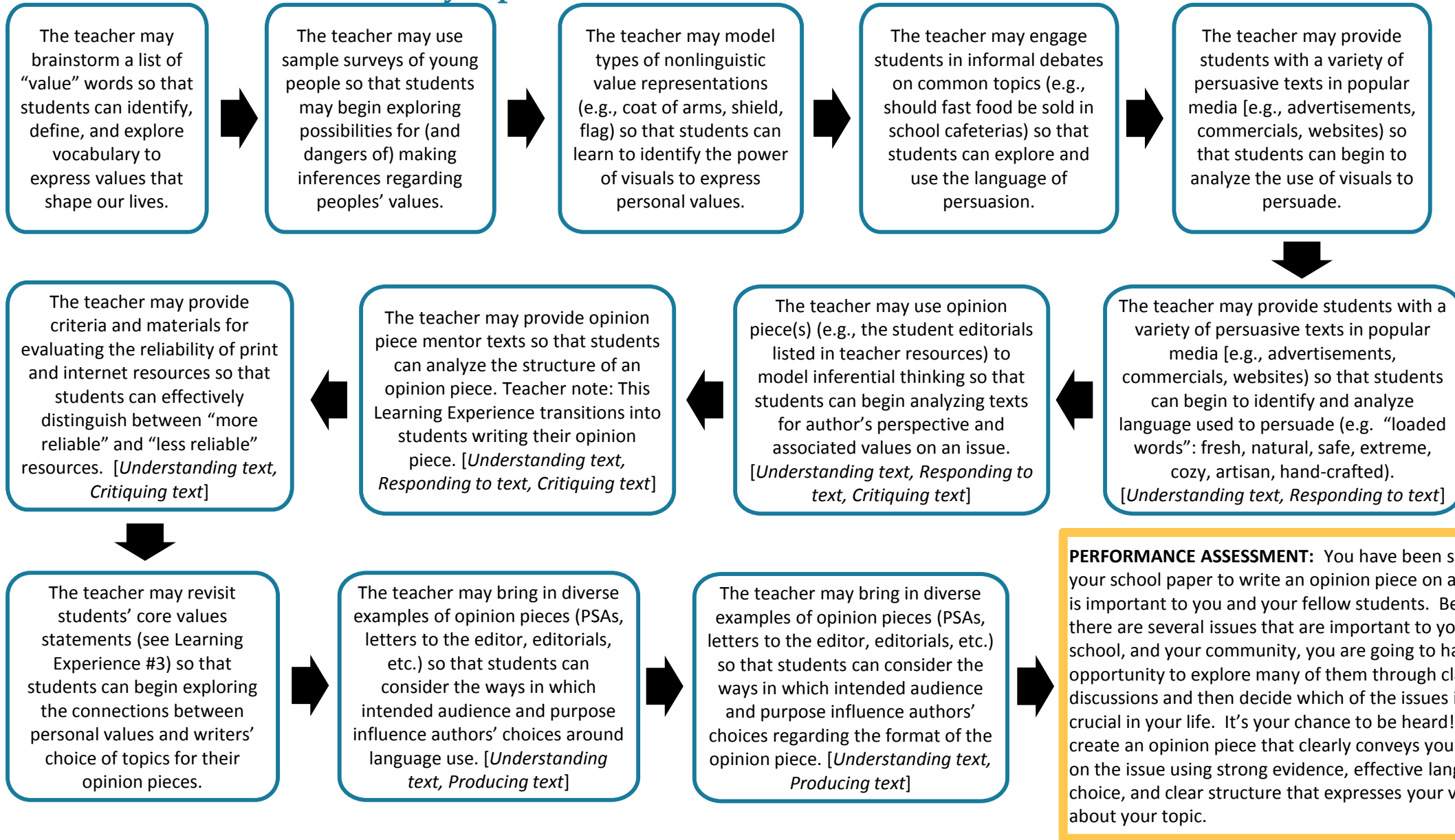


Instructional Unit Title: In My Opinion



PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: You have been selected by your school paper to write an opinion piece on a topic that is important to you and your fellow students. Because there are several issues that are important to you, your school, and your community, you are going to have an opportunity to explore many of them through class discussions and then decide which of the issues is the most crucial in your life. It's your chance to be heard! You must create an opinion piece that clearly conveys your opinion on the issue using strong evidence, effective language choice, and clear structure that expresses your values about your topic.

This unit was authored by a team of Colorado educators. The unit is intended to support teachers, schools, and districts as they make their own local decisions around the best instructional plans and practices for all students. To see the entire instructional unit sample with possible learning experiences, resources, differentiation, and assessments visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/instructionalunitsamples>.