

## Tool 3: Collaborate and identify differences in subject-specific discourse demands (example)

	<b>Example: Formulating a written hypothesis in a history class</b>	<b>Formulating a written hypothesis in biology, in science...</b>	<b>Common elements to be worked on</b>
<b>Aim of the disciplinary discourse</b>	Formulating a hypothesis in history has as its aim to formulate propositions likely to explain a past situation.		
<b>Procedures</b>	To formulate a hypothesis in history is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To observe a situation</li> <li>• To compare it to one's pre-existing ideas or knowledge</li> <li>• To ask questions</li> <li>• To propose solutions and/or</li> <li>• To express a doubt</li> <li>• The above should be expressed in relation to time</li> </ul>		
<b>Organisation of the information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position of the problem: actors, dates, intrigue</li> <li>• Description of the understanding of the situation</li> <li>• Proposition of one or several possible explanations</li> <li>• expression of a problem</li> </ul>		
<b>Linguistic objectives</b>	<p><b>General linguistic characteristics:</b> Written in present, past tense or conditional</p> <p>Indication of the actors, of temporalities, of causal relationships, use of temporal, logic connectors, of adverbs of assumption</p> <p>May be in 1 st pers. singular (« I think that ») or in 3rd pers. sing. or plural (« they wanted perhaps »)</p>		
<b>Linguistic practices</b>	<p><b>Examples of linguistic elements:</b></p> <p>Verbs of doubt: suppose, think, imagine</p> <p>Earlier, originally .... but then, I think that, I imagine that... and if...? One can suppose that...if they do ... it is because...he wanted perhaps to be...obviously, without doubt</p>		
<b>Linguistic practices</b>	I think Alexander was called the Great because he realized numerous conquests. I suppose that at the beginning, he did not know how far he would go; perhaps his victories have encouraged him to continue. You can imagine that when he went to Asia in 334, it was because he wanted to become famous.		