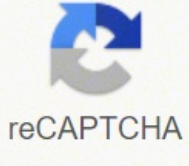




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## Text structure description passages

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Making these connections is vital in comprehension and learning from information presented in the text. Key words can signal the type of text structure the author is using, so students recognize the organization of information and relationships between ideas; however, students should also be able to make judgments about why an author chose a specific organizing structure. Students also need to be aware that an author may use more than one text structure in a passage. **Web Resources: Text Structure Resources: Teaching Text Structure and More** - This PowerPoint offers a variety of great teaching resources and ideas. Text Structure Workmat from USD 259 allows students to put a paragraph or article in the middle of the mat and have a visual of all graphic organizers that might help them identify the structure of the text. Text Structure, Type, Features Poster from USD 259 helps students understand the difference between these terms. Text Structure Examples allow students to see how each structure looks using the same topic and allows them to try to write within each text structure after seeing the example Text Structure Paragraphs that can be used as examples or a sorting activity: elementary secondary Graphic organizers for all five text structures (description, problem/solution, cause/effect, compare/contrast, and sequence) Signal Word Chart - Nice one-page chart listing all five text structures and corresponding graphic organizers, definitions, signal words, and signal questions. Text Structure Paragraph Frames - Make a reading-writing connection using these writing frames: elementary, secondary These colorful posters were created by Becky Cox at Valley Center, Kansas USD 262. Included are posters for description, sequence, comparison-contrast, cause-effect, and problem-solution. Thanks, Becky! Best Practices in Science Education Informational Text and Young Children: When, Why, What, Where and how? This article by Dr. Neil K. Duke discusses using informational text with young children. The discussion includes informational text, persuasive text, procedural text, and nonfiction narrative as well as vocabulary and authentic writing. The term "text structure" refers to how information is organized in a passage. The structure of a text can change many times in a work and even within a paragraph. Students are often asked to identify text structures or patterns of organization on state reading tests. Also, understanding text structures can help students make and interpret arguments. For these reasons it is important that students are exposed to the various patterns of organization. This page will briefly explain seven commonly used patterns of organization, provide examples, and then offer users free text structure worksheets and interactive online practice activities to help students learn this essential reading skill. Cause and Effect: The results of something are explained. Example: The dodo bird used to roam in large flocks across America. Interestingly, the dodo was n't struck by gun shot. Because of this, frontiersmen would kill entire flocks in one sitting. Unable to sustain these attacks, the dodo was hunted to extinction. Learn More About Cause and Effect Chronological: information in the passage is organized in order of time. Example: Jack and Jill ran up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after. Learn More About Chronological Order Mastering text structure helps you make and understand arguments. Compare and Contrast: two or more things are described. Their similarities and differences are discussed. Example: Linux and Windows are both operating systems. Computers use them to run programs. Linux is totally free and open source, so users can improve or otherwise modify the source code. Windows is proprietary, so it costs money to use and users are prohibited from altering the source code. Learn More About Compare and Contrast Order of Importance: information is expressed as a hierarchy or in priority. Example: Here are the three worst things that you can do on a date. First, you could tell jokes that aren't funny and laugh really hard to yourself. This will make you look bad. Worse though, you could offend your date. One bad "joke" may cause your date to lash out at you, hence ruining the engagement. But the worst thing that you can do is to appear slovenly. By not showering and properly grooming, you may repulse your date, and this is the worst thing that you can do. Learn More About Order of Importance Problem and Solution: a problem is described and a response or solution is proposed or explained. Example: thousand of people die each year in car accidents involving drugs or alcohol. Lives could be saved if our town adopts a free public taxi service. By providing such a service, we could prevent intoxicated drivers from endangering themselves or others. Learn More About Problem and Solution Sequence / Process Writing: information is organized in steps or a process is explained in the order in which it occurs. Example: Eating cereal is easy. First, get out your materials. Next, pour your cereal in the bowl, add milk, and enjoy. Learn More About Sequence Spatial / Descriptive Writing: information is organized in order of space (top to bottom, left to right). Example: when you walk into my bedroom there is a window facing you. To the right of that is a dresser and television and on the other side of the window is my bed. Learn More About Spatial Organization Do you think you can recognize these patterns of organization? Test your skill with an online quiz. Text Structure Practice 1 Text Structure Practice 2 Text Structure Practice 3 Text Structure Practice 4 Text Structure Worksheets Identifying Text Structure 1: Read the passages. Identify the text structure. Write information from the passage into the appropriate graphic organizer. Graphic organizers are available at the top of the page. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Identifying Text Structure Worksheet RTF Identifying Text Structure Worksheet PDF Preview Identifying Text Structure in Your Browser View Answers Text Structure Practice 1 | Ereading Worksheet Identifying Text Structure 2: Read the passages and put the information from each passage into an appropriate graphic organizer. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Identifying Text Structure 2 RTF Identifying Text Structure 2 in your Web Browser View Answers Text Structure Practice 2 | Ereading Worksheet Identifying Text Structure 3 - read the following passages and determine the text structure. Then, put information from the text into the appropriate graphic organizer. Remember to focus on the main idea of each paragraph. 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Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 5-9 Text Structure Worksheet 9 RTF Text Structure Worksheet 9 PDF Preview Text Structure Worksheet 9 In Your Web Browser View Answers Text Structure Worksheet 10 - Eleven nonfiction passages about fireworks. I think that this one is a little bit easier to read than some of the other ones. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 7-11 Text Structure Worksheet 10 RTF Text Structure Worksheet 10 PDF Preview Text Structure Worksheet 10 In Your Web Browser View Answers Text Structure Worksheet 11 - Ten more text structure passages, this time related to computers. Students read the passages, identify the text structure, and represent the information using the appropriate graphic organizer. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Text Structure Worksheet 11 PDF Preview Text Structure Worksheet 11 In Your Web Browser View Answers Text Structure Worksheet 12 - Six passages about shoes to help your students practice and review their text structure skills. This worksheet is a little bit easier than some of the other ones. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 4-8 Text Structure Worksheet 12 RTF Text Structure Worksheet 12 PDF Preview Text Structure Worksheet 12 In Your Web Browser View Answers Text Structure Worksheet 13 - Here is another text structure worksheet that's a little bit on the easier side to help struggling readers and younger students. The questions are the same as the other text structure worksheets, but the passages contains fewer challenging vocabulary words. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 4-8 Text Structure Worksheet 13 RTF Text Structure Worksheet 13 PDF Preview Text Structure Worksheet 13 In Your Web Browser View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure - Six nonfiction passages where students identify the main idea, represent the text structure, and come up with an appropriate title. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 7-11 Main Idea and Text Structure RTF Main Idea and Text Structure PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure 2 - Six more nonfiction passages and represent main ideas and text structure. This time the worksheet is themed around robots. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Main Idea and Text Structure 2 RTF Main Idea and Text Structure 2 PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure 2 in Your Browser View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure 3 - Another single-sided worksheet with six nonfiction passages. Students determine the main idea and text structure of each passage and then come up with an appropriate title. This worksheet has an amnesia theme: each passage is related to amnesia. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 7-11 Main Idea and Text Structure 3 RTF Main Idea and Text Structure 3 PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure 3 in Your Browser View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 4 - More practice with main idea and text structure to keep the students sharp. This one is themed around cars and petro-culture. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 5-9 Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 4 RTF Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 4 PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 4 In Your Web Browser View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 5 - Here are five exciting passages about cotton candy. Students read each passage, explain the main idea, create a graphic organizer representing the information in the text, and come up with a title representing the main idea of the passage. This assignment is a little bit easier than the other main idea and text structure activities. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 5-9 Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 5 RTF Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 5 PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 5 In Your Web Browser View Answers Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 6 - This worksheet contains five nonfiction passages themed around bicycles. Students will almost feel like they are out riding a bike instead of doing school work, except that they will be doing school work. This is great practice for standardized tests. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 6 RTF Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 6 PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure Worksheet 6 In Your Web Browser View Answers Valentine's Day Main Idea and Text Structure Review Worksheet - Your students will LOVE working through these six passages, expressing the main idea of each, titling them, and visually representing the text using graphic organizers. Suggested reading level for this text: Grade 6-10 Main Idea and Text Structure Review Valentine's Day Worksheet RTF Main Idea and Text Structure Review Valentine's Day Worksheet PDF Preview Main Idea and Text Structure Review Valentine's Day Worksheet in Your Browser View Answers Text Structure Activities Text Structure Lesson: PowerPoint slide show about text structure including cause and effect, sequence, chronological, problem and solution, and compare and contrast with a ten question practice activity. 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