

Author's Text Structure

What is it?

Authors must decide how to **organize** or **structure** their paragraphs (text). They build their stories word by word, sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph...into a full story; just like a builder must build or create a structure...brick by brick, wall by wall, etc. The words tell a story, but each paragraph has a purpose or planned organization. Sometimes the author needs to describe the scene or characters (Descriptive Paragraph). At other times, the author wishes to tell his readers the order of events (Sequence). As the author tells the story, a decision is made to structure or organize the words into a powerful, meaningful paragraph depending on the author's purpose.

Description



Sequence



Problem & Solution




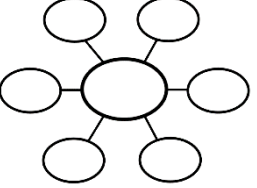



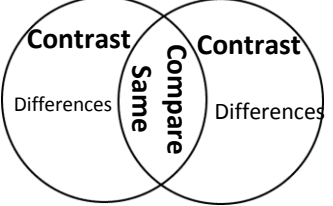

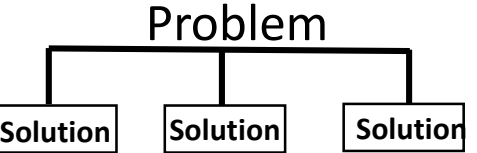

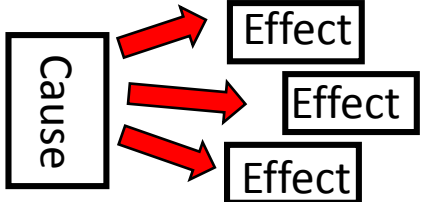
Compare & Contrast



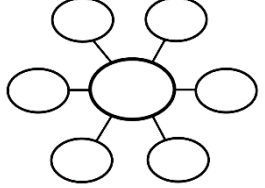

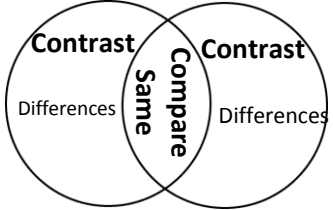
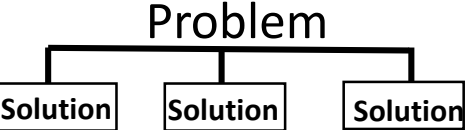
Cause & Effect



Author's Text Structures

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Problem & Solution	The text poses a problem and explains one or more possible solutions .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem Solve Solution 		
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Author's Text Structures

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Description	Text provides descriptive details so readers can visualize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjectives Characteristics Mental Images 	This morning's sunrise was a breathtaking display of radiant colors. Bright streaks of red, pink, and orange slowly overcame the dark blue and purple of the twilight sky.	
Sequence	The text lists events in chronological (time) order or steps in a procedure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order of events Dates or times Steps or instructions Transition words 	First , I watched as the sun began to peak over the horizon. Next , I saw the streaks of colors bursting into the sky. Then , the sunrise came into view. Last , I took a picture.	
Compare & Contrast	The text explains similarities and differences between two people, places, or things.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same/Different In contrast Similar, Both/neither On the other hand 	The sun is a middle sized star compared to other larger stars in the galaxy.	
Problem & Solution	The text poses a problem and explains one or more possible solutions .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problem Solve Solution 	My eyes were having a problem adjusting to the sunlight as I tried to read by the pool. I decided to put on my sunglasses.	
Cause & Effect	The text tells about an event that causes and the effect that follows.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cause/Because Effect Due to/as a result If/then 	She stayed in the sun all afternoon without reapplying sunscreen, as a result her skin was burnt.	