

Text Features and Structures

Students use knowledge of text features and structures to construct meaning and identify themes within and across texts. Understanding text features and structures enables students to organize content, draw conclusions and build text knowledge.

Text Features

- Maps
- Charts
- Illustrations
- Bold and italicized print
- Headings
- Captions
- Labels
- Diagrams
- Graphs
- Table of Contents
- Glossary
- Index

Text Structures

- Cause/Effect
- Problem/Solution
- Compare/Contrast
- Question/Answer
- Sequential
- Descriptive

References

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