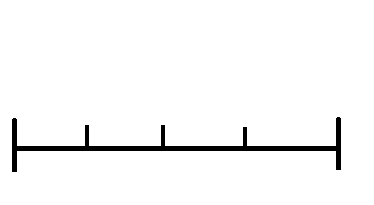
All About Text Structure

Name:

There are lots of different ways an author can structure a piece of literature. We are going to focus on these six:

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| Chronological | Description | Sequence | Compare & Contrast | Cause & Effect | Problem & Solution |



#1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Information in the passage is organized in order of time.

#2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Information is organized in steps or a process is explained in the order in which it occurs.

#3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Explains reasons why something happened; or explains the effects of something

#4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - A problem is described and a response or solution is proposed or explained.

(Result)

(Possible solution)

(Problem)

#5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Two or more things are described; similarities and differences are discussed.

Topic

Different

Alike

#6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, attributes, and examples

SIGNAL WORDS:

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| **Chronological** | **Description** | **Sequence** | **Compare & Contrast** | **Cause & Effect** | **Problem & Solution** |
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