**Informational Text Structure**

Text structure refers to how the information within a written text is organized. This strategy helps students understand that a text might present a main idea and details; a cause and then its effects; and/or different views of a topic. Teaching students to recognize common text structures can help students monitor their comprehension.

<https://www.nsbsd.org/Page/3561>

 

<http://crafting-connections.blogspot.com/2016/10/text-structures-lesson-for-upper.html>

Great website for learning about text structure: http://www.literacyleader.com/sites/default/files/text%20str%20chart%20w-frames2\_0.pdf

**“Understanding the expository text structures**

**gives readers a better shot at determining important information when reading nonfiction...The text in standardized tests and traditional textbooks frequently falls into one or another of these text structures.**

**If students know what to look for in terms of text structure, they grasp the meaning more easily.”**

from Nonfiction Matters, by Stephanie Harvey

**Text Structure Examples:**

**Sequence:**

 Goose bumps make me shiver. First I get cold. Then I shake

 all over.

**Description:**

 Goose bumps make me shiver. I get little bumps on my skin.

 They look like sesame seeds.

**Compare and Contrast:**

 Some people get goose bumps from fear. Others get goose

 bumps when they are touched emotionally.

**Cause and Effect:**

 Goose bumps make me shiver. When the temperature drops

 below 45 degrees, my skin crinkles into goose bumps.

**Problem and Solution:**

 Goose bumps make me shiver. But they disappear as soon as

 I cover up with a jacket or sweater.

Now, you try it!

**Text Structure Examples:**

**Sequence:**

 The first day of school is always an interesting day.

**Description:**

 The first day of school is always an interesting day.

**Compare and Contrast:**

 The first day of school is always an interesting day.

**Cause and Effect:**

 The first day of school is always an interesting day.

**Problem and Solution:**

 The first day of school is always an interesting day.