

Non Fiction Structures

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Nonfiction Structures	Grade	Essential Knowledge	Resources	Read Aloud	Shared Reading	Guided Reading
		Students will be introduced to the following structures. They will be able to identify these structures by name and use them as models in their writing later.				
Enumerative	K	Introduces general information usually followed by a discussion of subtopics	<i>Chickens!</i> By Gail Gibbons			
Sequential	K	Presents information in step-by-step order, alphabetical order, or numerical order.	<i>V for Vanishing: An Alphabet of Endangered Animals</i> by Patricia Mullins			
Chronological	1	Explores information over time of occurrence.	<i>Blizzard!</i> By Jim Murphy <i>An Apple a Day</i> – Melvin Berger <i>Growing Pumpkins</i> – Melvin Berger <i>Chicken and Egg</i> – Christine Back			

Compare-Contrast	2	Compares and contrasts information, characteristics, or qualities of topics	<i>Bats! Strange and Wonderful</i> by Lawrence Pringle			
Cause-effect	2	Explores a causal relationship between the cause and its effect or a problem and solution,	<i>A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder</i> by Walter Wick			
Question-Answer (point-counterpoint)	K	Organizes by posing a question and then answering it.	<i>If You lived in the Time of George Washington</i> by Anne McGovern			

Narrative	K	Presents information using the narrative structure of beginning, middle and end.	<i>The Magic Schoolbus in the Time of the Dinosaurs</i> by Joanna Cole			