



# Text Structure

Text structure means the way that an author organizes the information in a text. There are different ways to organize a text, depending on what it is about and what its purpose is.

- A text in **chronological order** presents things in the order in which they happened (dates/times).
- A text that **compares and contrasts** presents the similarities and differences between two or more things.
- A text in **cause and effect** order explains the effect that one person, thing, or event has on another.
- A text that is in **sequential** order presents information in a step-by-step way.
- A text organized by **problem/solution** presents a problem and then a solution to that problem.
- A text organized in **order of importance** puts the most important information first, and the less important information later.

**Title of Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is this text about?

2. What is the structure? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you know? Identify a key phrase or sentence from the text as evidence the text uses the structure that you identified.