

NONFICTION ◀ 7TH & 8TH GRADE ◀ RI. 7.5/8.5

A collage of educational materials. At the top left is a yellow toy bus. Below it is a worksheet titled 'Give Me Immunity' with a diagram of the human immune system. The diagram labels the TONSILS AND ADENOIDS, THYMUS, LYMPH NODES, APPENDIX, BONE MARROW, LYMPH NODES, LYMPHATIC VESSEL, and SPLEEN. To the right is a worksheet titled 'Pearl Harbor' featuring a black and white photograph of the USS Shaw exploding. Below the photo is the caption: 'The USS Shaw exploding during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 1941'. At the bottom left is a circular logo with the text 'Magi CORE'. The background consists of various other worksheets and papers, some with handwritten notes and underlined text.

ANALYZE TEXT STRUCTURE



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7th & 8th grade

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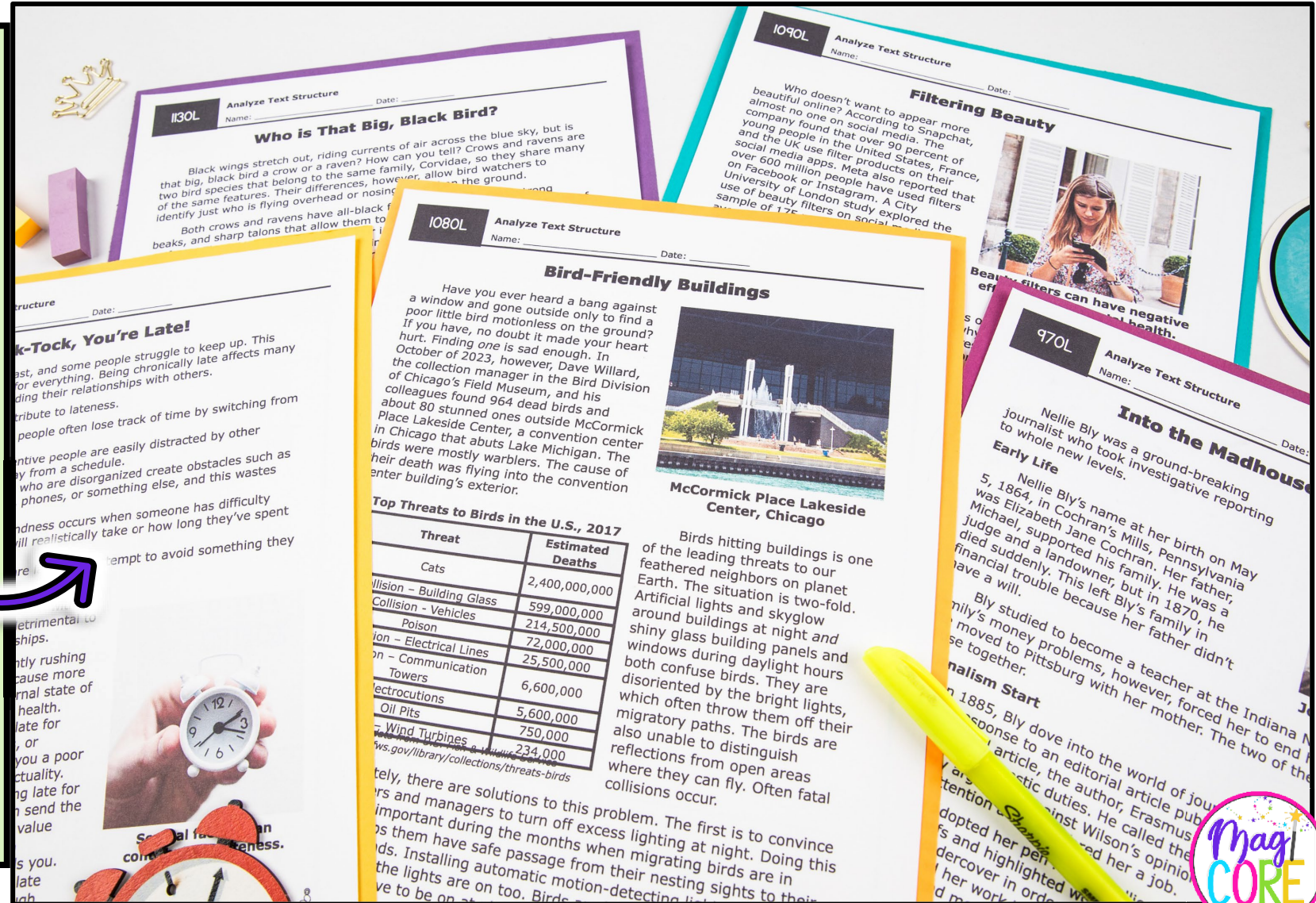
- Anchor chart and question sets
- Color coding to encourage students to use text evidence
- AND two assessments on nonfiction reading passages

Printable Slides Included



12 NONFICTION PASSAGES

- Learn in color! Visual cues reinforce text evidence.
- Teachers can quickly check student work.
- Variety of structures to spark comprehension AND curiosity.
- Dive into interesting and engaging informational texts.



QUESTIONS

- Skill-focused, scaffolded questions
- Multiple choice and short answer
- Preps students for state testing
- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning

The collage features several educational worksheets and decorative elements. At the top left is a yellow school bus with 'SCHOOL BUS' written on its side. Below it is a lightbulb with a blue glow. A purple pencil with a pink eraser is positioned diagonally across the bottom left. The worksheets are titled '1090L Analyze Text Structure' and 'Filtering Beauty'. One worksheet includes a photo of a woman looking at her phone. Another worksheet has a sidebar with additional information. The worksheets are decorated with colorful paper clips and a small stack of books at the bottom right.

1090L Analyze Text Structure
Name: _____ Date: _____

filtered appearance. They post altered selfies and constantly check for comments. They compare themselves to others online. This leads to avoiding it will reveal the truth about their images and take ne. Disconnection and loneliness can result when situations. They retreat in order to preserve their they depend on shallow validation from strangers to S.

a superficial culture that pressures people to es image over authenticity. It causes a breakdown in e connections when viewers aren't sure what is real ated to dupe them. This affects personal and It may even hinder physical health as people don't because, according to their digital presence, they look

Filtering Beauty

Who doesn't want to appear more beautiful online? According to Snapchat, almost no one on social media. The company found that over 90 percent of young people in the United States, France, and the UK use filter products on their social media apps. Meta also reported that over 600 million people have used filters on Facebook or Instagram. A City University of London study explored the e of beauty filters on social media in a nple of 175 participants with an age range of 20. The most common irs used were ones to even out or ghten skin tone, whiten teeth, bronze in, and reduce body size. Participants so stated they'd used filters to reshape jaws increase the size of their eyes. When asked w percent of the participants reported feeling pr

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4. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

Part A: What is the purpose of the text feature on the second page of the passage?

groups related to beauty filter use to reduce the harmful effects of using beauty filters. positive ways to use beauty filters history of beauty filters

text feature in Part A do for the tone of the passage?

ime of the doom and gloom of using beauty filters. tional panic about the use of beauty filters. ere is no hope of managing the use of beauty filters. tive outlook for the continued use of beauty filters.

paragraph reveal about the author's intent in writing en text structure support this intent?

graph reveals that the author's intent in writing is to emphasize the negative consequences of online beauty filters and to advocate for a shift ng authenticity, genuine connections, and self-

Analyze Text Structure
Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. Which text structure did the author choose to present the information in this passage?

a. compare and contrast
b. description
c. cause and effect
d. chronological order

2. What text feature is included on the second page of the passage?

a. graph of online beauty filter use
b. timeline of the development of beauty filters
c. sidebar with additional information
d. glossary of technical vocabulary

3. What main idea does the first paragraph establish for the reader? How does this main idea affect the reading of the rest of the passage?

The main idea of the first paragraph is that a lot of young people use filters on social media to enhance their appearance. The main idea sets the stage for the rest of the passage by showing that many people are using these filters and hints at the potential impact of this widespread use on individuals.

Magi CORE

ANCHOR CHART

- Anchor chart breaking down how to analyze text structure
- Practice passage and warmup activity sheet
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students reference throughout the unit
- Use in student journal as a reference

Analyze Text Structure
Let's Try! Read the passage "Books or Movies?" below, then answer the questions on the graphic organizer.

Humans love stories. It gives them a sense of purpose while they are alive. They can take on the role of characters in books and movies. These two sources of entertainment have a long and heated debate for ages.

Which is better: reading the book or watching the movie?

Hollywood loves to take a book and turn it into a movie. Consumers have the option to partake in both. Both the book and movie allow consumers to escape reality for a little while. They can take on the role of characters in books and movies. These two sources of entertainment have a long and heated debate for ages.

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When it comes to the degree of immersion required to enjoy books and movies, there are clear differences. Books offer a clear opportunity to create vivid mental images of characters, settings, and actions. They have the author's words to guide the reader. Then it's a personal journey. A movie, on the other hand, provides a visual experience. Individual imaginations have to fill in the gaps. Movie makers have made the movie characters' appearances and settings chosen. They've given them a life. Viewers don't have to envision all of these details when watching a movie.

For those who want a more immersive experience, books are the way to go. They provide a rich backstory and a deep understanding of the characters' motivations. Movies, on the other hand, are more of a visual experience. They provide a sense of immersion that books cannot match.

Analyze Text Structure
Readers analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections and specific parts contribute to the whole text and to the development of the ideas.

WHAT ARE TEXT STRUCTURES?	WHAT ARE TEXT FEATURES?
DESCRIPTION: describes the characteristics of something <i>Clue words:</i> for example, such as, adjectives	LOCATING INFO titles, headings, glossaries, indexes, bibliographies
CAUSE AND EFFECT: shows the relationship between events or actions and their results <i>Clue words:</i> because, as a result, therefore, so, consequently	GETTING ADDITIONAL INFO captions, sidebars, labels, bullet points
COMPARE AND CONTRAST: highlights similarities and differences between subjects <i>Clue words:</i> similar, different, in contrast, on the other hand, like, unlike	LOOKING AT VISUAL INFO photographs, illustrations, diagrams, maps, timelines, graphs, tables

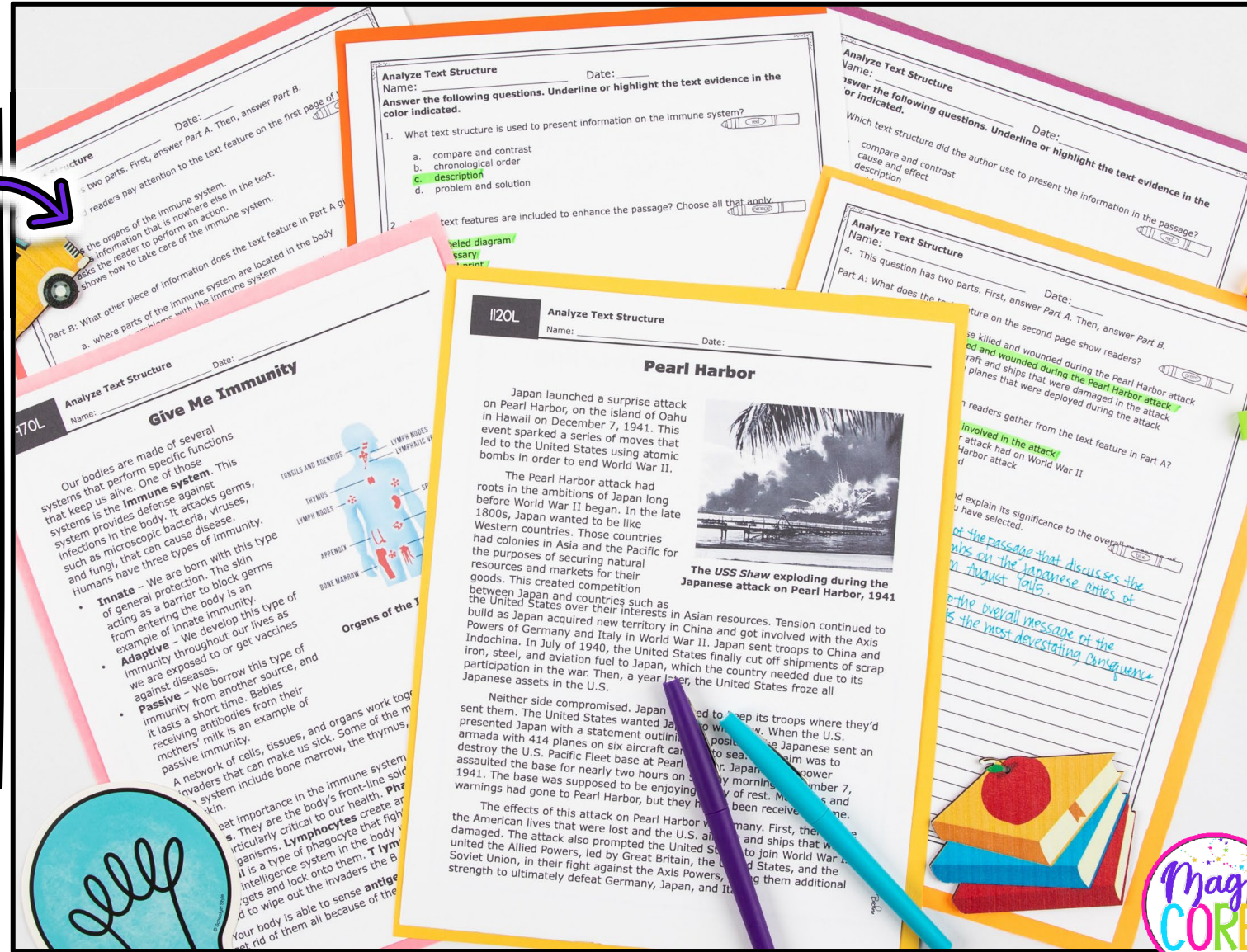
TEXT STRUCTURES + TEXT FEATURES + MAJOR SECTIONS + SPECIFIC PARTS = WHOLE TEXT

To analyze the structure used to organize a nonfiction text:

1. Carefully read the text and identify what text structure the author has used. Look for clue words that indicate the text structure.
2. Determine how major sections and specific parts (paragraphs, sentences) build meaning for the entire text and the ideas presented.
3. Note how the text features add to the text's development of ideas.
4. Ask:
 - What nonfiction text structures and features are used in the text?
 - How do the parts of the text contribute to the whole text?
 - How does understanding the text structure help you comprehend the text?
5. Summarize your thoughts about how the text structure organizes the text and develops ideas.

ASSESSMENTS

- Same format as practice
- Two tests with different Lexile levels
- Color-coding
- Follows best practices for standardized assessments



WHY IT WORKS

- Certified Lexile measures
- High - interest texts to motivate readers
- Cross - curricular topics
- Scaffold approach will help your students meet grade level expectations.
- Classroom tested! Trusted by over 1,000 teachers... and counting!... To help students grow their reading skills

The collage features several worksheets and a graphic organizer. The worksheets include:

- Analyze Text Structure** (Lexile 970L): "Give Me Immunity" by Dr. David M. Morens. Questions include: "What text structure is used to present information on the immune system?" and "What is the purpose of the text feature on the second page of the passage?"
- Analyze Text Structure** (Lexile 1130L): "Who is That Big, Black Bird?" by David M. Morens. Questions include: "What text structure is used to present information on the immune system?" and "What is the purpose of the text feature on the second page of the passage?"
- Analyze Text Structure** (Lexile 1090L): "Filtering Beauty" by David M. Morens. Questions include: "What text structure is used to present information on the immune system?" and "What is the purpose of the text feature on the second page of the passage?"
- Analyze Text Structure** (Lexile 1080L): "Bird-Friendly Buildings" by David M. Morens. Questions include: "What text structure is used to present information on the immune system?" and "What is the purpose of the text feature on the second page of the passage?"

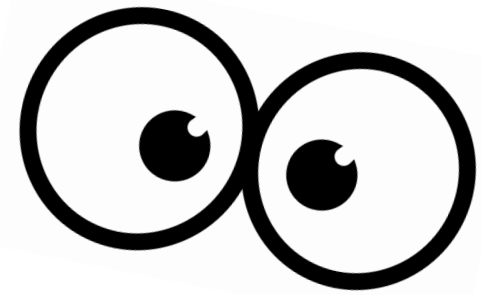
The graphic organizer, titled "Analyze Text Structure", is a template for students to fill in. It includes sections for:

- TITLE OF THE TEXT**: Books or Movies
- CENTRAL IDEA**: The main idea of the text is to discuss the debate between reading books and watching movies as forms of storytelling.
- TEXT STRUCTURE**: The text is organized in a compare/contrast structure. It begins with an introduction, then goes on to explore the similarities and differences between the two.
- TEXT FEATURE**: What is one text feature? How does it contribute to the text? One text feature is the use of a graphic organizer. It helps readers understand the relationship between the two topics.
- MAJOR SECTION**: What is one major section? How does it contribute to the text? One major section is the conclusion. It summarizes the main points of the text and provides a final thought on the topic.
- SPECIFIC PART**: What is one specific part? How does it contribute to the text? One specific part is the introduction. It sets the stage for the text and provides a clear purpose for the reader.

A formula at the bottom states: **TEXT STRUCTURES + TEXT FEATURES + MAJOR SECTIONS + SPECIFIC PARTS = WHOLE TEXT**. Below this, it says: "To analyze the structure used to organize a nonfiction text: 1. Carefully read the text and identify what text structure the author has used. Look for clue words that indicate the text structure. 2. Determine how major sections and specific parts (paragraphs, sentences) build meaning for the entire text and the ideas presented. 3. Note how the text features add to the text's development of ideas. 4. Ask..."

Decorative elements include a yellow school bus, a red alarm clock, a lightbulb, a stack of books, and a yellow pom-pom.

TAKE A PEEK



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CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: presents information in the order it occurred
Clue words: first, next, then, finally, before, after, dates

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION: discusses a problem and how it was/can be solved
Clue words: because, led to, problem, solution, solve

WHAT ARE TEXT FEATURES?

Text features are parts of the text that are not the main body of the passage.

LOCATING INFO

titles indexes
headings bibliographies
glossaries resources

GETTING ADDITIONAL INFO

captions sidebars
labels bullet points

LOOKING AT VISUAL INFO

photographs timelines
illustrations graphs
diagrams tables
maps special text



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Humans love stories. It gives them a chance to escape reality for a little while. They can take on the role of characters who often lead lives that are very different from their own. Most people consume stories in the form of books and movies. These two sources of storytelling have been the topic of a heated debate for ages.

Which is better: reading the book or watching the movie?

Hollywood loves to take a book and turn it into a movie so story consumers have the option to partake in one or both forms. Ideally, books and their movie versions share many similarities. The characters, basic plot, main conflict, major events, and eventual resolution are typically the same in both versions. When they are not, readers and viewers tend to get cranky.

Both the book and movie allow people to enjoy a complete story, regardless of how true to the original text the movie is. Enjoying books and movies can also be a social activity. Friends might read the same book or see the movie together and then discuss it. Both authors of books and directors of movies paint pictures for the readers and viewers so they can feel totally immersed in the story's world.

When it comes to the degree of imagination required to enjoy books and movies, however, clear differences arise. Books give readers the opportunity to create vivid mental images of characters, settings, and action on their own. They have the author's words to guide them, but then it's a personal journey into how things look. A movie, on the other hand, takes much of that individual imagining out of the equation because the movie makers have made all the decisions about the characters' appearances in the actors they've chosen. They've also presented the settings and shown exactly how the action unfolds. Viewers don't have the chance to envision all of these elements for themselves when watching a movie.



Books offer readers the chance to use their imaginations.

For those of us who love to get a deep dive into a character's backstory and have a window into their innermost thoughts, feelings, and motivations, a book will be the right choice. Authors have pages and pages

Analyze Text Structure

Fill in the graphic organizer to analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text.

TITLE OF THE TEXT

CENTRAL IDEA

What is the main idea of the text?

TEXT STRUCTURE

How is the text organized? How does it contribute to the whole text?

TEXT FEATURE

What is one text feature? How does it contribute to the whole text?

MAJOR SECTION

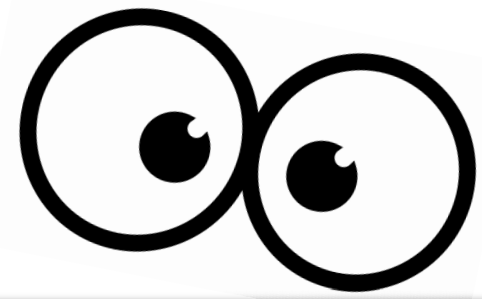
What is one major section? How does it contribute to the whole text?

SPECIFIC PART

What is one specific part? How does it contribute to the whole text?



AND ANOTHER PEEK



1090L

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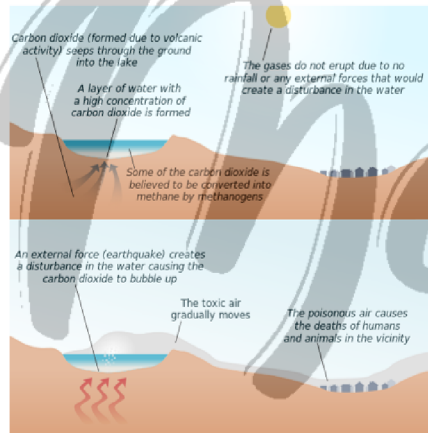
When Lakes Explode

Have you ever opened a can of soda only to have its contents erupt out of the can and fly all over the place? It can surprise you when this happens. It's also potentially a big mess to clean up, but it's not deadly. Not like when a similar phenomenon happens in a lake and creates toxic air capable of suffocating humans and animals.

Limnic eruptions, also known as lake overturns, are a rare natural disaster with catastrophic consequences. Fortunately, they don't happen in all lakes. They only occur in lakes that have an excess of dissolved gases, primarily carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide is typically from decomposed plant or animal matter on the lake's floor. The lake also has to have a cool lake bottom and different carbon dioxide saturation in its upper and lower thermal layers. Lakes susceptible to limnic eruptions are near volcanoes. All of these conditions create a stable lake . . . until something happens to shake things up.

The main cause of limnic eruptions is volcanic activity. This churns up magma in underground chambers and emits gases like carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide. These gases percolate into the groundwater and eventually reach the lake. When the concentration of dissolved carbon dioxide in the lower layers of the lake reaches a critical point, a triggering event such as an earthquake, a volcanic tremor, or a rapid temperature change causes the carbon dioxide to violently erupt from deep lake waters.

The effects of limnic eruptions are fatal. The erupting gas, made up of mostly carbon dioxide, storms to the surface of the lake. It displaces the oxygen-rich surface water. A colorless and odorless gas cloud rises, hugs the ground, and spreads out in all directions. Formerly breathable air becomes full of carbon dioxide. This causes humans and animals to asphyxiate, or not get enough oxygen into their bodies, as they



A limnic eruption is a rare natural disaster.

Analyze Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What text structure is used to present information about limnic eruptions?

- a. cause and effect
- b. description
- c. problem and solution
- d. chronological order



2. What text features are included in this passage? Choose all that apply.

- a. map of where limnic eruptions occur
- b. graph of casualties from limnic eruptions
- c. sidebar with bullets of additional information
- d. labeled diagram of how limnic eruptions occur



3. How does the text feature on the first page of the passage assist readers in their comprehension of limnic eruptions? How does it complement the text structure?

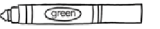


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4. This question has two parts. First, answer *Part A*. Then, answer *Part B*.

Part A: Which sentence is the most significant in paragraph 4?

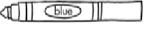


- a. The effects of limnic eruptions are fatal.
- b. The erupting gas, made up of mostly carbon dioxide, storms to the surface of the lake.
- c. It displaces the oxygen-rich surface water.
- d. Formerly breathable air becomes full of carbon dioxide.

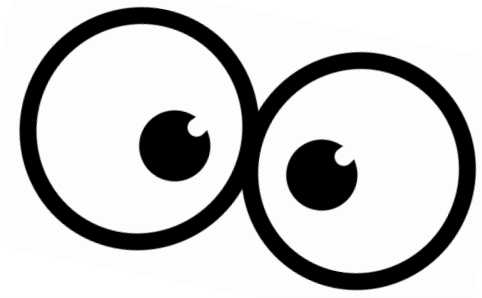
Part B: Why is the answer to Part A the most significant sentence?

- a. because it includes a shocking fact
- b. because it presents a solution to limnic eruptions
- c. because it states the main idea of the paragraph
- d. because it describes the text feature on the page

5. Discuss the purpose of the first and last paragraphs of the passage. What do they do for the reader?



CHECK THIS OUT TOO!



I130L

Analyze Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

Who is That Big, Black Bird?

Black wings stretch out, riding currents of air across the blue sky, but is that big, black bird a crow or a raven? How can you tell? Crows and ravens are two bird species that belong to the same family, Corvidae, so they share many of the same features. Their differences, however, allow bird watchers to identify just who is flying overhead or nosing around on the ground.

Both crows and ravens have all-black feathers, stout bodies, strong beaks, and sharp talons that allow them to grip food and perch on a medley of surfaces. These birds are known for their intelligence and are capable of using tools, solving complex problems, and being self-aware. Both species are opportunistic eaters, feasting on a wide range of food items. They are omnivores that will eat insects, small mammals, fruits, seeds, carrion, and that French fry you dropped in the parking lot on your way out of your favorite fast-food restaurant. Crows and ravens also have many vocalizations they use for communication and social interaction.



The difference between these two birds is how you can tell them apart. Ravens are much larger than crows with lengths of around 24-27 inches from head to tail and wingspans that can reach up to 4 feet. They are about the size of red-tailed hawks and weigh about 40 ounces. Crows, on the other hand, are about 17 inches long with a wingspan of up to 2.5 feet. Their size is more comparable to pigeons, and they weigh only about half as much as ravens.

Crows have feathers with iridescent purple and blue as do ravens, but ravens' plumage has an oily or wet sheen to it that crows' feathers do not. The most distinctive feather difference is in the tails of these two birds. Ravens have wedge-shaped tails with longer feathers in the center, giving the area a

Analyze Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

- Which text structure did the author select to present information in this passage?
a. cause and effect
b. compare and contrast
c. problem and solution
d. description
- What text feature is included on the first page of this passage?
a. map of crow and raven habitats
b. glossary of bird-related vocabulary
c. graph comparing the number of ravens and crows
d. diagram with labels of crow and raven features
- What headings could be included in this passage to assist readers when reading the content? How would these headings be helpful?

Analyze Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _____

4. This question has two parts. First, answer *Part A*. Then, answer *Part B*.

Part A: What does the first text feature help readers understand?

- the similarities between crow and raven tail and wing feathers
- the differences between crow and raven tail and wing feathers
- the functions of crow and raven tail and wing feathers
- the way crows and ravens use their tail and wing feathers

Part B: What does the second text feature require readers to do?

- review the material presented to properly identify the pictured bird
- compare the pictured bird to other birds found on Earth
- blindly guess which bird is pictured
- develop ways to save crows and ravens from extinction

5. What is the author's purpose in writing this passage? How does the chosen text structure support that purpose?

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