

Elements of Nonfiction

Name: _____

Title: _____

Main Idea of Entire Text/Summary Statement

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Point of View

Organization

chronological?
comparison and contrast?
descriptive?
sequence?

cause and effect?
problem and solution?
investigative?
proposition/support?

Type of Nonfiction

biography? autobiography?
letters? journal?
diary? memoir?
essay/article? media account?

Audience

Which is related to author's purpose...

Essays and Articles

expository narrative
persuasive descriptive
reflective analytical
humorous

Author's Purpose

to inform or explain?
to persuade?
to entertain?
to reflect on an experience?

Examples of Fact/Event:

...included by the author
...checked/verified by the reader

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Examples of Author's Opinion

...included by the author
...reader is unable to prove
(include clue words)

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Text Features

How did text features help the author's purpose?

maps charts graphs table of contents headings
bold italics underline titles/subtitles color font
illustrations glossary index photos/pictures transitions

Diction

Effect resulting from the author's words,
sentence structure, etc:
serious, humorous, formal, informal

How did the author create this effect?

Outline

Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Examples

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing an outline.