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EXAMPLES OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT


- Newspaper
- Instructional Manuals
- Historical Texts
- Scientific Texts
- Agendas
- Legal Documents
- Essays
- Interviews
- Memoirs
- Autobiographies
- Biographies
- Tourism Guides

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Check Home Access Center for Grades
- Tutorials
- Writing Assignment is Coming
- CUA will be taken before December Break
- Check new Calendar for Remote Days/Early Outs

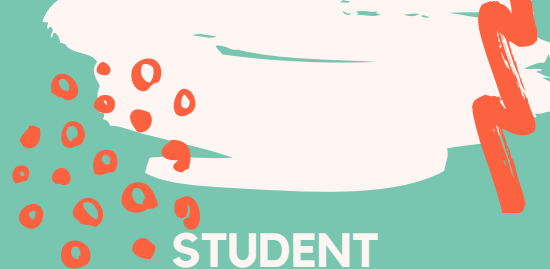
INFORMATIONAL TEXT

6TH GRADE ELA
UNIT 3



IMPORTANT FEATURES OF INFORMATIONAL TEXT

- **Thesis Statement/Controlling Idea:** The main focus of the text. Usually within the first paragraph.
- **Graphic Elements/Graphic Features:** Graphs, charts, pictures, bolded words, italicized words that all serve a purpose in displaying information.
- **Audience:** Who the paper is intended to be read by.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Create an anchor chart for informational texts (Maybe excerpts from different types[TEKS specificity])
- Mark a text for genre characteristics (thesis/controlling idea (whole), main ideas (paragraph), supporting details)
- Mark a text for structural elements and thesis
- Summarize informational texts
- Explain author's purpose based on the structural elements
- What is the author's purpose within the text
- How does the structure of the text reveal the author's purpose?
- Use evidence to support their claim of the purpose.
- Develop a Thesis/Controlling Idea
- Brainstorm ideas for how to support a Thesis/controlling idea
- Write three pieces of evidence for my Thesis/Controlling Idea (Explore ways to support a claim)
- Write a paragraph that uses evidence that supports the thesis
- Add a graphic feature to the model informational text (9C)
- Peer review of a partner use of evidence to support his/her thesis
- Mark a text for the ways an author supported his/her thesis
- Analyze how the structural elements contributed to the author's purpose and meaning (9B)
- Participate in the writing process of Analyzing an Informational text



TYPES OF TEXT STRUCTURES

SEQUENTIAL

Sequential Order allows a reader to read events or actions in order from start to finish, earliest to latest, or backwards. This is important for directions, manuals, historical events, memories, etc.

COMPARE & CONTRASTII

Compare and Contrast is used to take two or more things, people, events, etc. and discuss how they are similar or different. The purpose of these could be determining the best out of something, determining past and present, or more.

CAUSE & EFFECT

Cause and Effect is especially important when determining how events or actions effect another situation. This is used commonly in historical contexts. It can also be used for issues between characters/people.

DESCRIPTION

Description is used to give a lot of detail to a topic. It usually involved the five senses (see, taste, touch, smell, and hearing).

PROBLEM & SOLUTION

Problem and solution is used to determine fixes for situations that are either difficult, broken, or not working for some reason.

