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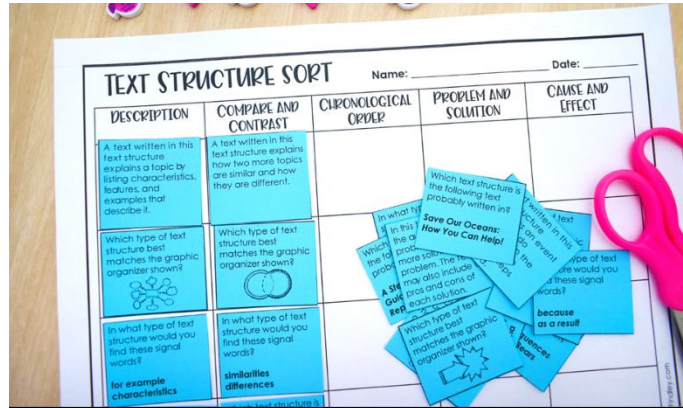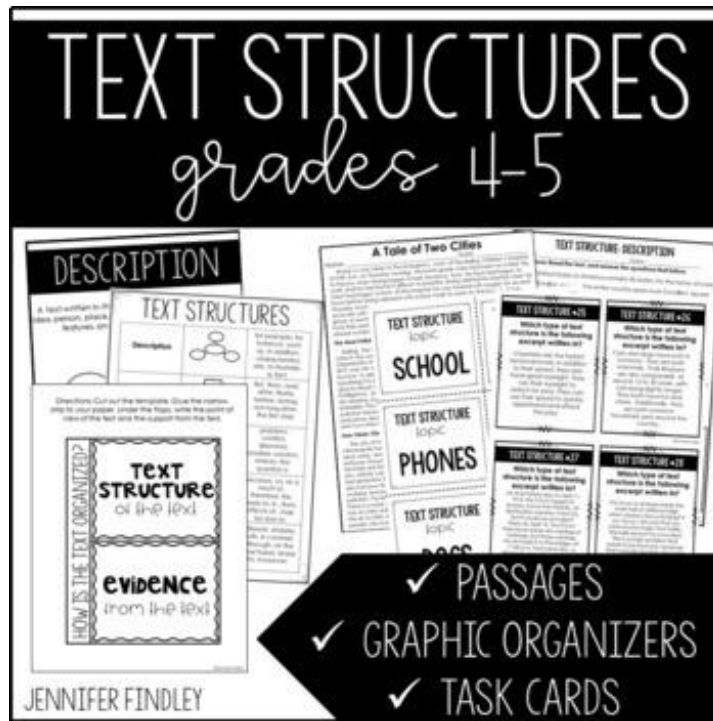
Free! Text Structure Activities

NEED MORE ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHING TEXT STRUCTURE?

This is my top recommended resource for everything you need to teach text structure! It includes posters, graphic organizers, texts (short texts, long texts, and paired texts), and small group activities, including task cards! [Click here or on the image to check it out!](#)

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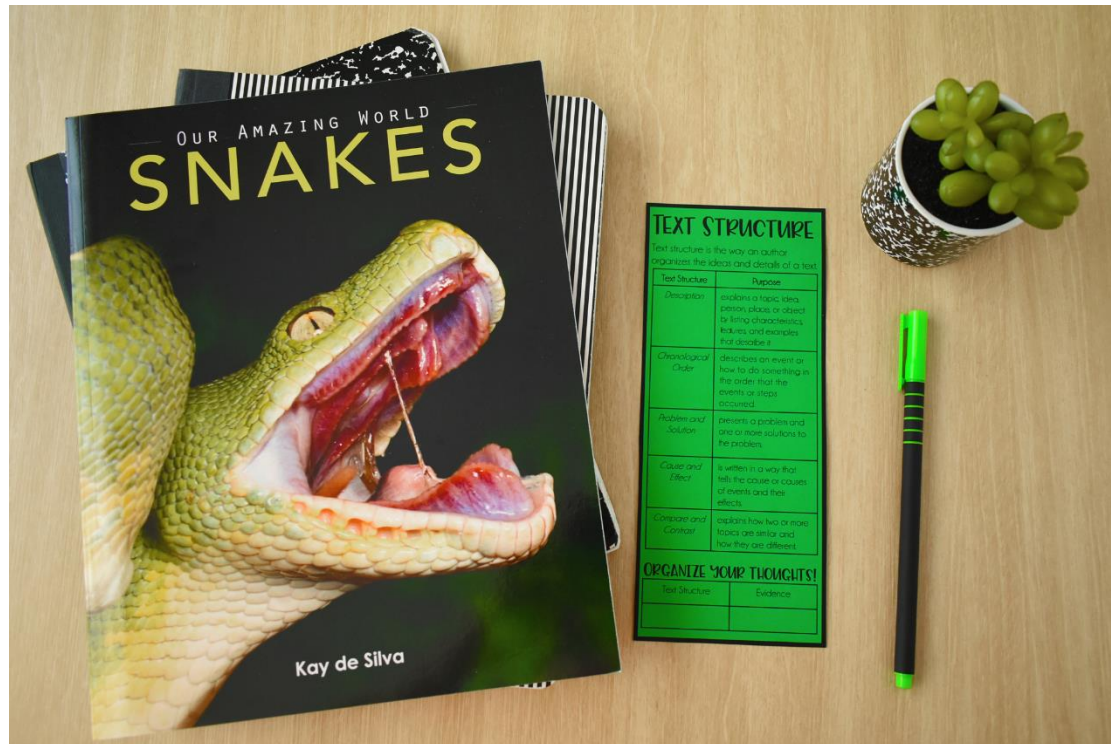
Text Structure

Text structure is the way an author organizes the ideas and details of a text.

Text Structure	Purpose
Description	explains a topic, idea, person, place, or object by listing characteristics, features, and examples that describe it
Chronological Order	describes an event or how to do something in the order that the events or steps occurred.
Problem and Solution	presents a problem and one or more solutions to the problem.
Cause and Effect	is written in a way that tells the cause or causes of events and their effects.
Compare and Contrast	explains how two or more topics are similar and how they are different.

Organize Your Thoughts!

Text Structure	Evidence

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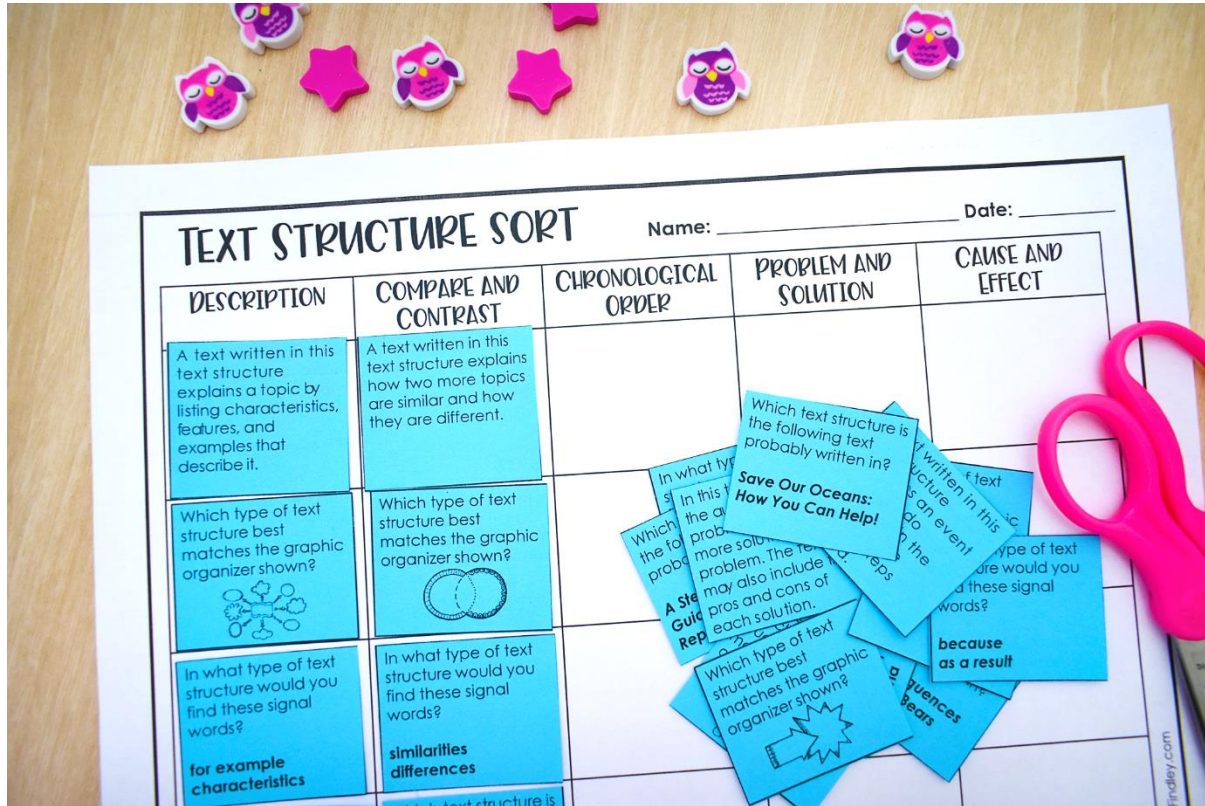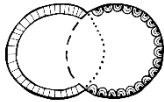
TEXT STRUCTURE SORT

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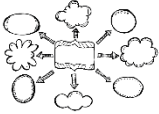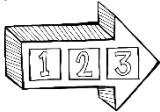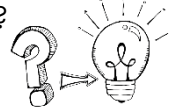
Description	Compare and Contrast	Chronological Order	Problem and Solution	Cause and Effect

Text Structure Sort Cards

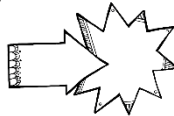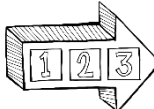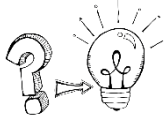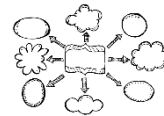|				
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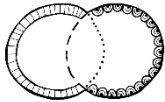# TEXT STRUCTURE SORT

Name: **Answer Key** Date: _____

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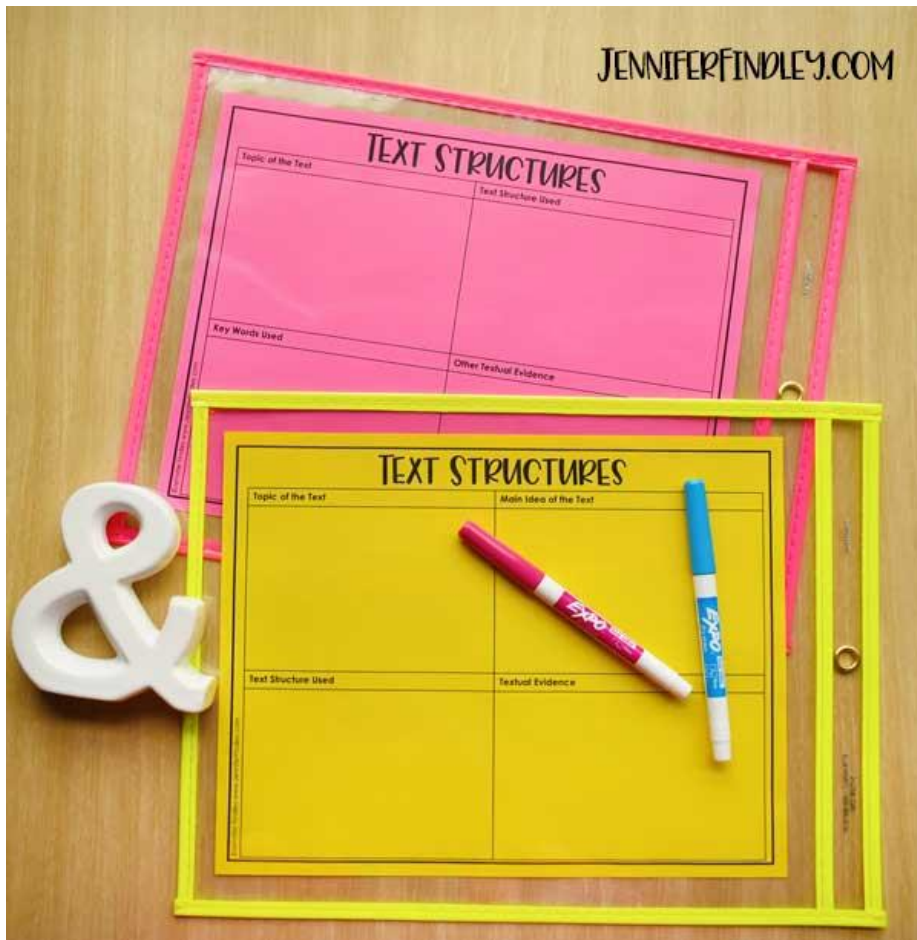
Text Structures

Topic of the Text	Main Idea of the Text

Text Structure Used	Textual Evidence

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Topic of the Text	Text Structure Used

Key Words Used	Other Textual Evidence

Text Structures

Main Idea	Text Structure Used

Summary of the Text (Written in the Text Structure Format)

Same Topic: Different Text Structure

Topic: _____

Compare and contrast the details presented in both texts. Then write about how the text structures influences the details shared and how they are presented.
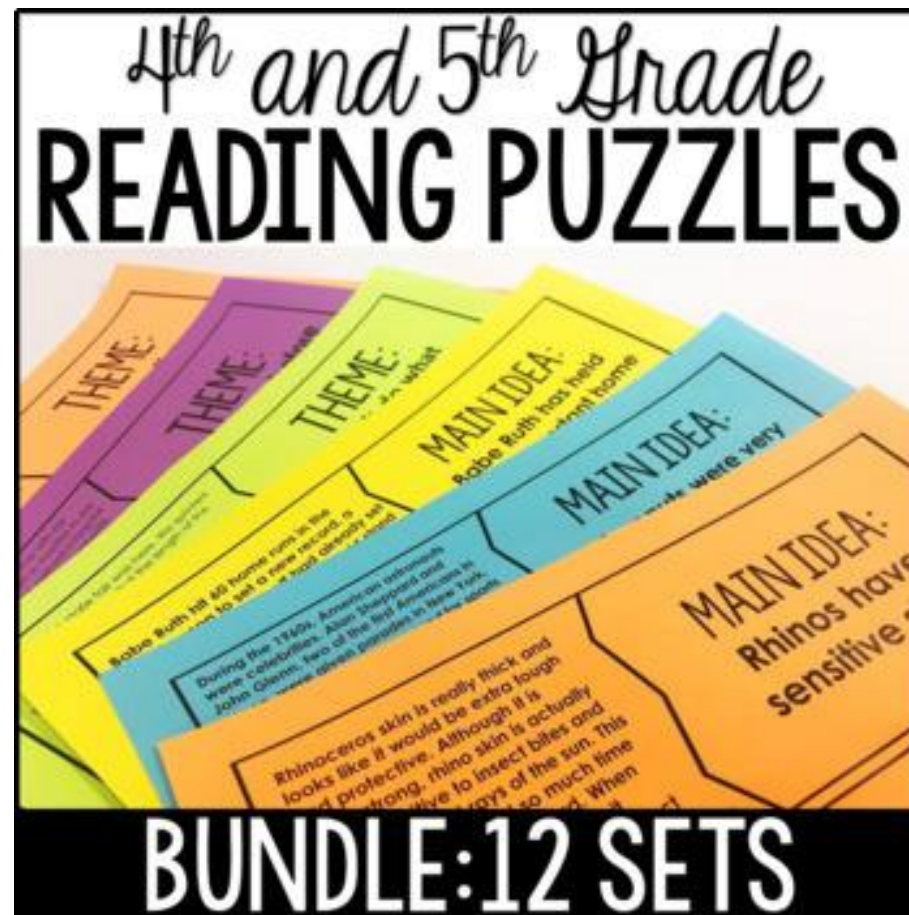
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USE THESE PUZZLES TO HAVE STUDENTS IDENTIFY THE TEXT STRUCTURE OF SHORT TEXTS

If you like this free activity, check out the additional reading puzzles I have in my store. Just click here or on the image below.

In 1835, James Bowman invented the light bulb, which uses electricity to make light. This invention caused huge changes across the world. In a basic sense, this new and easy way of creating light meant that it was now much easier to perform tasks after dark. As a result of the light bulb, businesses could stay open later. Homes and streets were now better lit for nighttime activity. It also made things safer, as the gaslights that were used before light bulbs could be very dangerous.

1

TEXT STRUCTURE
Cause and Effect

The animal kingdom can be a dangerous place. Bigger animals hunt smaller animals for food. This is a huge problem for the smaller animals. To solve this problem, the prey need to develop ways to outsmart their predators. One amazing defense mechanism that some lizards developed is called autonomy. When attacked, certain lizards can actually detach their tails from their bodies. The tail keeps wagging for several minutes or more, distracting the predator. Meanwhile, the lizard scurries off to safety, solving the lizard's immediate problem.

2

TEXT STRUCTURE
Problem and Solution

A butterfly's life cycle comes in four stages. First, a butterfly lays its eggs, which take only about five days to hatch. In stage two, a caterpillar emerges from the egg and starts eating everything in sight. When the caterpillar is done growing, it enters stage three and begins making a protective shell called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. In stage four, the chrysalis opens to reveal a beautiful butterfly. Eventually, it lays eggs, and the cycle begins again.

3

TEXT STRUCTURE
Chronological Order

Chefs are hard at work in the kitchen of Village Pizza. One man sings an opera song in Italian as he flings dough in the air again and again. Flour sprinkles about the room like snow flurries as the dough stretches wider and wider with each nimble toss. You can hear a sizzle from the grill. Suddenly, the sweet smell of green peppers fills the room. The restaurant is not busy, but your senses certainly are.

4

TEXT STRUCTURE
Description

Biking and running are two of the best kinds of exercise. Both are full of health benefits, including keeping your heart healthy and lowering stress. In addition, both are convenient. Often, you can just step out your front door and get going all by yourself. Biking does require a bike, of course, which can get expensive, while running just requires sturdy shoes. Biking, on the other hand, is easier on your body since your joints aren't pounding into the ground with each step.

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TEXT STRUCTURE
Compare and Contrast

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TEXT STRUCTURE
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TEXT STRUCTURE Chronological Order

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TEXT STRUCTURE Compare and Contrast

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RECORDING SHEET

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ANSWER KEY

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USE THESE PRINTABLES TO HAVE STUDENTS TRACK THE TEXT STRUCTURES IN TEXTS THEY READ
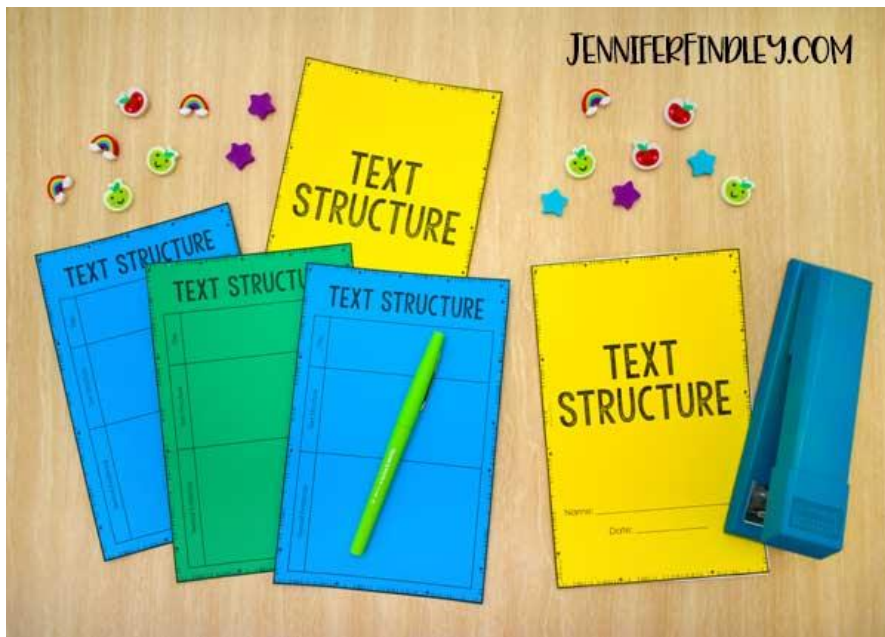
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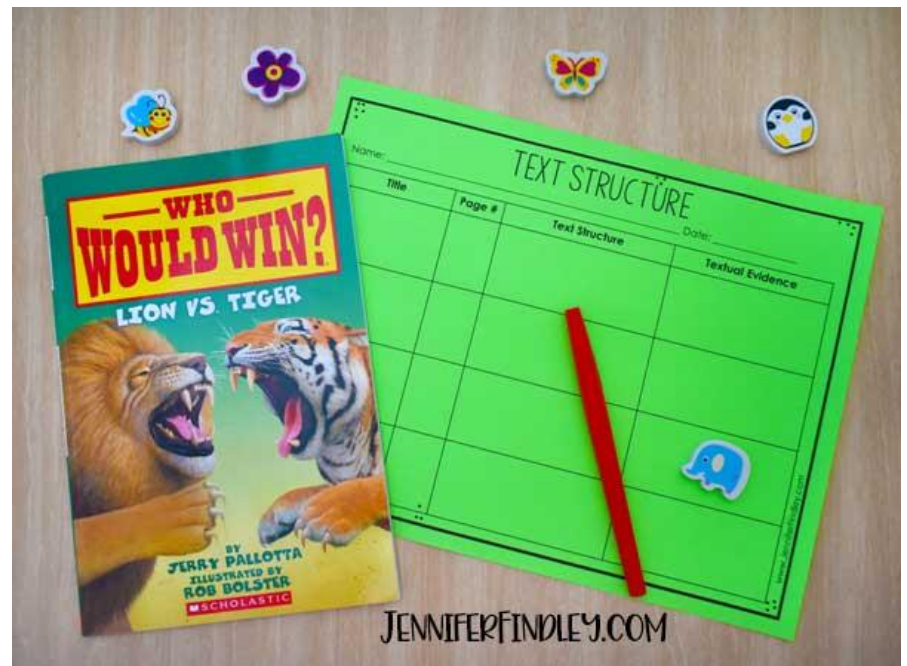
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