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Understanding Nonfiction Formatting

This interactive activity will help you study the structure of nonfiction writing. You will need a science or social studies textbook. You will only need one chapter.

Use the outline format to fill in the blanks. Add words in bold from each section to the box at the right. Since this template was designed to be used with a variety of texts, not all of the blanks will be filled and you may have to add some of your own.

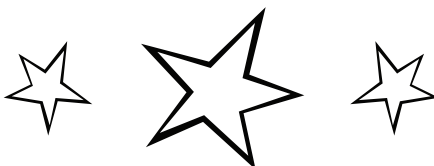
You will notice section titles and subtitles because they may be indented, in larger font, color or bold font, or underlined. They will also follow title capitalization rules.

Title of book → Topic for this text

Section title → Big idea

Subtitle → Supporting idea

Bolded words → Key terms



Title of Book: _____

First Section Title: _____

Subtitle: _____

Subtitle: _____

Subtitle: _____

Bolded words:

Second Section Title: _____

Subtitle: _____

Subtitle: _____

Subtitle: _____

Bolded words:

Third Section Title: _____

Subtitle: _____

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Bolded words:

Why do you think this nonfiction text is organized this way?

Discuss: How are stories and nonfiction text organized differently?