TEXT STRUCTURES
Cheat Sheet

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Compare & Contrast

Sequence

Description

Problem & Solution
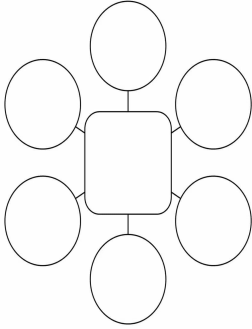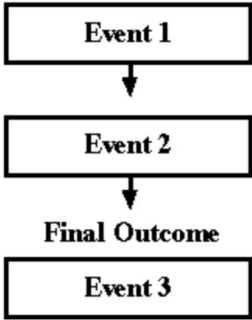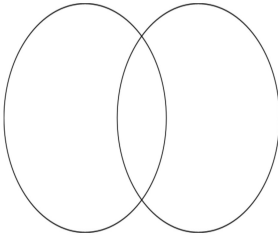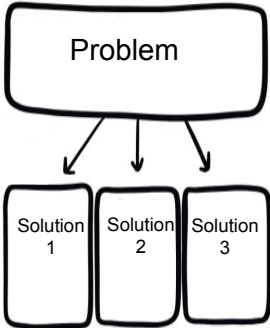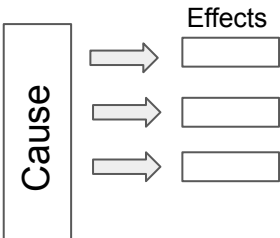
Cause & Effect

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- [ ] Brainstorming Maps
- [ ] Key Words
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Text Structures in Nonfiction

Text Structure	Purpose	Brainstorming	Key Words	Examples
Description	Describes or explains something		• This shows • This means • For example • This tastes, smells, feels, looks like	A passage about everything you can see, hear, smell, and taste at the county fair.
Sequence	Tells order of events or steps in a process		• First, second, third, fourth • Before, after, finally, now	An image of a timeline of U.S. presidents
Compare & Contrast	Explores how things are alike and/or different		• However • Different from • Still • Rather • Instead of • On the other hand • As well as	A podcast episode comparing Fortnite to Minecraft
Problem & Solution	Tells about a problem(s) & some solutions		• A problem • In order to • One reason for • Steps involved are	A report describing how banning plastic straws helped eliminate pollution in the ocean
Cause & Effect	Explores why something happened		• If/then • For this reason • As a result • Therefore • In order to	An article on the effects of social media on teenagers