Guided Notes for Text Structure Lesson

Analyze organizational methods used in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_texts.

Making Information clear

* Why? Authors choose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_information and **make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
* Readers use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to **support interpretation** of text.

Writing Clarity

* Authors use organization to develop their **point of view**
* They use different approaches to **support** their **purposes**
* They pick an organization format that will help **make** their **ideas clear** to the reader

Readers Ask…

* Why has the author chosen this particular, organization pattern?
* Can I see a pattern to the writing?
* How are the ideas divided and presented?

Organizational Patterns

* Description
* Chronological (or Sequence)
* Cause and Effect
* Compare/Contrast
* Problem/Solution

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|  | Definition | Key words |
| Description | Author provides descriptive details or characteristics of a topic. | * For example * Specifically * Characteristics include * Next * Another kind * In addition * Spatial words like near, beyond, over, etc. |
| Chronological (or Sequence) | * Story or information is told in the order that events occurred. | * First * Next * Then * After * Before * Sequential dates * Events * Order |
| Cause and Effect | * The author establishes a link between the way things are now and how they got that way. | * If/then * Reasons * Why * Because * As a result * This led to * Consequently * Due to |
| Compare/Contrast | * One idea is presented first, followed by a similar or different way of seeing things. | * Differ * Same * Alike * Compare * But * Both * Similar * On the other hand |
| Problem/Solution | * A problem is presented and followed by the steps to bring about a solution. | * so that * question-answer * problem is solved * reason why * problem is * dilemma is * if-then * because |

Review

* What are the 5 organizational patterns?
* Why do author’s use different types of organization?
* What clues will help you determine the pattern?