



NONFICTION ANALYZER: The Writer's Techniques

CCSSR5: identify writer's techniques.

Read an article and analyze how the writer communicated the ideas.

What structure did the writer use?

- sequence or time order
- compare and contrast
- description
- cause-effect

Here are some techniques that nonfiction writers use.

Put X next to the techniques the writer used. Then put the name of the technique next to the place in the passage where the writer used it.

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Then write about the article you read. Explain how the writer helped you understand the central idea or major claim.