

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.

allusion	analogy	anecdote
argument	captions	comparison and
contrast	data	debate
description	dialogue	examples
figurative language	graph	headings
humor	illustrations	imagery
narrative	quotations	sarcasm
satire	sequence of events	table
timeline	titles and subtitles	tone

THINK MORE

Write about the article you read.

Explain how the author helped you understand the central idea or major claim through the structure of the text and the techniques the author used.

Make some notes here. Then write your response.