



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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |

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