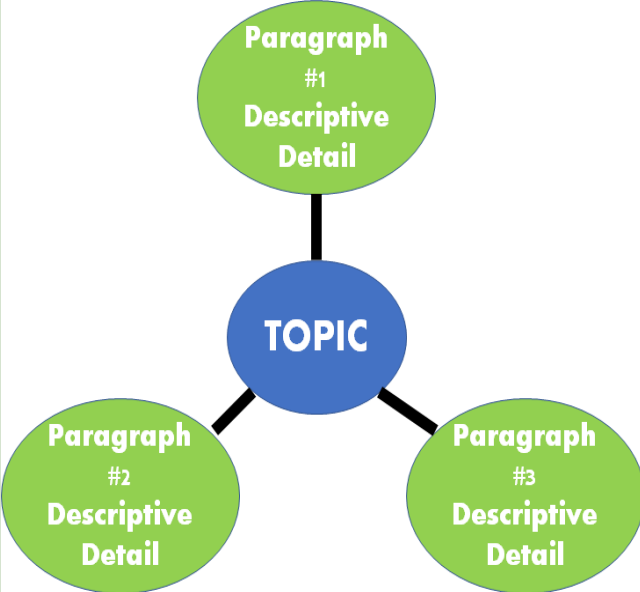
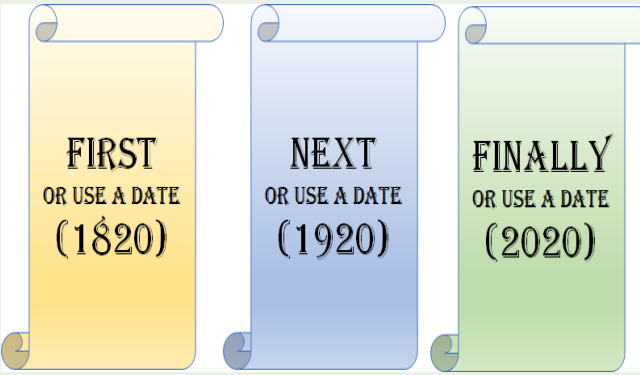
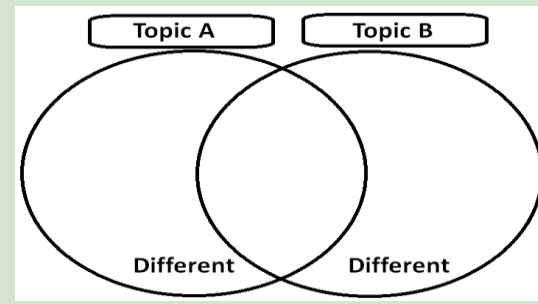
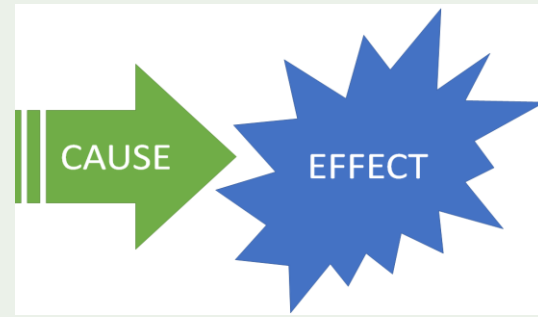
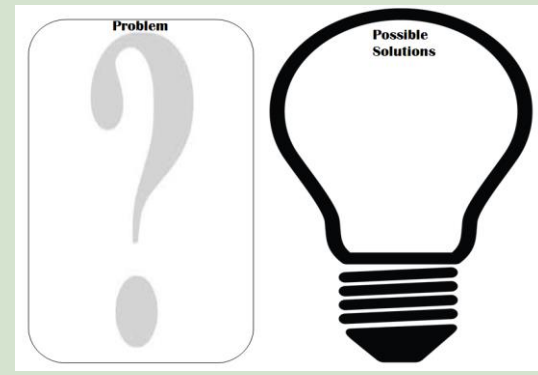




# The 5 Most Common Text Structures



Nonfiction Text Structure	Example
<p><b>#1 Description (topical)</b></p> 	<p><b>Ask Yourself:</b> Is this piece of writing <u>describing</u> something? How does it: Look? Sound? Taste? Feel? Smell? Examples?</p> <p><b>Clue Words:</b> for example, in addition, specifically, in particular Sometimes, in multi-paragraph descriptive passages, each paragraph describes a different aspect of the topic.</p>
<p><b>#2 Sequence</b></p> 	<p><b>Ask Yourself:</b> Is this piece of writing telling me the <u>order</u> of events or how something happens?</p> <p><b>Clue Words:</b> First, second, next, then, after that, before, finally</p>

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<p><b>#3 Compare/Contrast</b></p> 	<p><b>Ask Yourself:</b> Is this piece of writing telling me how two or more things are <u>alike</u> and how they are <u>different</u>?</p> <p><b>Clue Words:</b> different, unlike, alike, similar, however, both</p>
<p><b>#4 Cause/Effect</b></p> 	<p><b>Ask Yourself:</b> Is this piece of writing explaining <u>why</u> something happened? Or is it explain <u>what effects</u> will happen?</p> <p><b>Clue Words:</b> as a result, therefore, because of, due to, reason why, consequently</p>
<p><b>#5 Problem/Solution</b></p> 	<p><b>Ask Yourself:</b> Is this piece of writing telling me how a <u>problem</u> can be <u>solved</u>?</p> <p><b>Clue Words:</b> therefore, because of, consequently, reason why, leads to</p>