

## **Lesson: Organization and Structure of Text**

### **Lesson Topic: Recognize texts written in chronological order**

#### **Question 1:**

To find a library book, you will first need to conduct a search on the library's database. Depending on what you are looking for, you might search by title, author, or keyword. Once you have located the book on the computer, record its call number. This is usually a long string of numbers and sometimes letters. Next, you will need to locate this call number within the library stacks. Some libraries are organized into different sections, so you may want to look for signs or ask a librarian to point you in the right direction. Find the book with the matching call number, and then take it to the circulation desk to check it out and take it home.

**Which words or phrases in this text signal that this text is probably organized in chronological order?**

Check all that are true.

- signs
- usually
- Next
- then
- organized

#### **Question 2:**

Adapted from **The Good Work of Jane Adams**  
Written by America's Story from America's Library

In late 1887, Jane Addams sailed to Europe without a group of friends. After visiting Madrid, Addams journeyed onward to London, England. There, she visited a settlement house called Toynbee Hall. Settlement houses were created to provide community services to ease urban problems such as poverty. Inspired by Toynbee Hall, Addams and her friend, Ellen Gates Starr, opened Hull House in a neighborhood of slums in Chicago in 1889. Many who lived there were immigrants from countries such as Italy, Russia, Poland, Germany, Ireland, and Greece.

**Which words or phrases signal that this text is probably organized in chronological order?**

Check all that are true.

- late 1887
- 1889
- First
- There
- Inspired by

#### **Question 3:**

# 6 Major Text Structures

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- ▶ Chronological order
- ▶ Compare and contrast
- ▶ Cause and effect
- ▶ Problem and solution
- ▶ Description
- ▶ Main Idea and supporting details

Which of the following is not a structure that authors use to organize texts?

- cause and effect
- chronological order
- book
- compare and contrast
- description

**Question 4:**

From **America's Story from America's Library**

When French navigator Jacques Cartier left France by boat in April 1534, the king ordered him to find gold, spices (which were valuable at that time), and a water passage from France to Asia. Two months later, on June 9, Cartier sailed into the waters of the St. Lawrence River in eastern Canada. Although he couldn't travel up the river all the way to Asia, Cartier had in fact discovered an important waterway into the vast areas of Canada. Cartier's voyages to eastern Canada helped other explorers who would establish French-speaking Canada.

Which words or phrases in this text signal that this text is probably organized in chronological order?

Check all that are true.

- establish
- ordered
- April 1534
- passage

Two months later

**Question 5:**

From **America's Story from America's Library**

During colonial times, many settlers traveled to America for freedom of worship. Quakers, Puritans, Jews, and people of other faiths arrived to create communities in what would become the United States. In 1658, 15 Jewish families moved to Newport, Rhode Island to establish a congregation in the growing seaport. For more than 100 years, the community relied on correspondence with rabbis in Europe to sustain their religious traditions in the New World. On December 2, 1763, members of the Jewish community of Newport, Rhode Island, witnessed the dedication of the Touro Synagogue, the first synagogue in the American colonies.

**Is this text organized in chronological order?**

yes

no

## Lesson Topic: Recognize texts that use a compare and contrast structure

### Question 1:

Dogs and cats are both great pets to own, but you may want to consider their unique qualities before deciding to adopt. On the one hand, dogs tend to require more work. Young dogs must be house trained, and dogs of all ages need regular exercise. Cats, on the other hand, need less attention. Training a cat to use a litter box is much simpler, and you'll never need to take your cat for a walk. Of course, your cat will likely show you less attention as well. Dogs are generally more affectionate toward their owners, which might make the extra effort worth it. Considering your own schedule may help you make the best decision.

Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a compare and contrast structure?

Check all that are true.

- On the one hand
- on the other hand
- consider
- generally
- before deciding

### Question 2:

Which text is organized using a compare and contrast structure?

**Text One**

The United States Congress is made up of two parts: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Members of both houses are elected by citizens of the United States of America. The Senate is made up of 100 senators, two from each state. The House of Representatives, on the other hand, has 435 representatives. The number of representatives from each state is based on the state's population.

**Text Two**

Lincoln was born on a small farm in Kentucky. His mother died when he was nine, and his father remarried and moved the family to Indiana. Lincoln's family was very poor. The children spent most of their time doing farm chores, which Lincoln did not like at all. When he could, Lincoln went to the local school, called an ABC school, where children learned how to read, write, and do arithmetic.

**Text Three**

Rainbows are created by light passing through the water droplets in the air. The raindrops act like tiny prisms. They bend the light and separate it into different colors. When sunlight enters the water droplets, the light slows down and bends a little. Then, when the light leaves the water droplets it bends again.

none of the above

### Question 3:

When choosing a beverage, it's important to pick something healthy. Most people know that soda-pop is not an idea choice. Soda is full of sugar, and even diet varieties have been found to be unhealthy. Additionally, the carbon dioxide that makes soda fizzy can be damaging to your teeth. Because of this, some people instead opt for a juice. Unlike soda, juice usually contains vitamin C and other healthy nutrients But if you're not careful, juice can also be unhealthy. Like soda, many juices are made with added sugar or high fructose corn syrup. Even when no sugar is

added, fruit juices still contain high levels of sugar. It's okay to drink soda and juice, but make sure it's in moderation.

**Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a compare and contrast structure?**

Check all that are true.

- it's important
- Because of this
- Even when
- Unlike
- Like

**Question 4:**

Old Maid and Go Fish are two of the most popular card games for kids. To play Go Fish, players use a standard deck of cards. Players take turns asking each other for cards and drawing from a collective pile as they attempt to form sets of four alike cards (for example, four aces or four eights). At the end of the game, the player with the most sets wins.

Similarly, Old Maid uses a standard deck of cards. Unlike Go Fish, however, Old Maid requires players to remove one card from the deck before play. Players then attempt to match cards in pairs. At the end of the game, the player who is left with the only unmatched card is declared the loser.

**Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a compare and contrast structure?**

Check all that are true.

- Unlike
- At the end
- Similarly
- take turns
- To play

**Question 5:**

From **America's Story from America's Library**

Andrew Carnegie's life was a true "rags to riches" story. Born to a poor Scottish family that immigrated to the United States, Carnegie became a powerful businessman and a leading force in the American steel industry. Today, he is remembered as an industrialist, millionaire, and philanthropist. Carnegie believed that the wealthy had an obligation to give back to society, so he donated much of his fortune to causes like education and peace.

**Is this text organized using a compare and contrast structure?**

- yes, because it shows the similarities and differences between his early life and his later life
- yes, because it shows how he overcame many challenges
- no, because it does not show the similarities and differences of two topics

no, because it does not explain why Carnegie was more successful than other businessmen

## Lesson Topic: Recognize texts that use a cause and effect structure

### Question 1:

Based on the titles below, which of these texts is likely organized using a cause and effect structure?

- Hurricanes and Tornadoes
- Who Was Mahatma Gandhi?
- Why Do Cats Purr?
- The History of Transportation

### Question 2:

Smoking cigarettes has a variety of dangerous consequences. With each puff, smokers inhale hazardous, cancer-causing chemicals. These chemicals can lead to serious negative effects on the heart, lungs, and even bones. These chemicals also cause damage to the immune system. As a result, smokers are more likely to suffer from autoimmune diseases.

Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a cause and effect structure?

Check all that are true.

- As a result
- more likely
- effects
- With each
- cause

### Question 3:

Today, people are busier than ever. At the same time, technology is advancing and finding new, efficient ways to make life easier. For example, instead of going to a store to purchase a new sweater, you could buy one online with just a few clicks of a button. The convenience of this option causes many people to skip the mall and go right to the computer. Because of this, online retail businesses have grown dramatically in the past few years.

Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a cause and effect structure?

Check all that are true.

- this option
- Today
- you could
- causes
- Because of this

### Question 4:

A good night's sleep is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Sleep deprivation (the lack of adequate sleep) can lead to serious problems. Sleep-deprived people are less alert, and as a result they are more likely to make mistakes or cause accidents. Over time, consistent sleep-

deprivation can also cause health problems such as heart disease and high blood pressure.

**Which words or phrases in this text signal that it was probably written using a cause and effect structure?**

Check all that are true.

- such as
- essential
- cause
- as a result
- Over time

**Question 5:**

From **America's Story from America's Library**

Do you know the name of the highest mountain in the United States? What about in North America?

The answer is the same: Mount McKinley. At 20,320 feet Mount McKinley is the highest mountain peak in the United States as well as North America. It is part of the 600-mile-long Alaska Range of mountains. Named for U.S. President William McKinley, the mountain is called "Denali," meaning "The High One," in the native Athabascan language.

Mount McKinley National Park was created in 1917 as a wildlife refuge. By 1980, it had been enlarged and renamed Denali National Park and Preserve. The park is enormous. At more than 6 million acres, it is larger than the state of Massachusetts. The park continues to be a refuge for wildlife such as caribou, moose, and grizzly bear.

**Is this text organized using a cause and effect structure?**

- yes
- no