

## Reading Strategy—ANALYZE STRUCTURE Some Suggestions

**Goal:** To encourage students to use text features to connect with the reading content



### Analyzing Structure...

1. Helps students see the relationship between what is presented in a reading and how it is presented;
2. Alerts students to the different ways information is presented – reading by reading, subject area by subject area, grade level by grade level;
3. Guides students through differences via use of explicit, on-going instruction.
4. It is IMPORTANT...
  - To introduce students to concepts and procedures early in the school year;
  - To recognize that this year's science text is organized differently from last year's—and this requires continuous reinforcement;
  - To continue to use text-structure analysis as a vehicle for content instruction;
  - To remember that structure applies to everything from single paragraphs to full chapters;
  - To compare selections from different sources that address the same information, as well as, analyzing the structure of a variety of types of sources;
  - To encourage colleagues in other disciplines to engage in this work.

### Tools for ANALYZING STRUCTURE

- The **Understanding Textual Relationships Activity** helps student see how graphics support, extend and clarify content of a reading piece.

**Understanding Textual Relationships Activity**

Students will use the chart below to list the various components of the reading (chapter, page, and article), noting what appears to be the intended role and relationship of each.

**Instructions:**

- Individually students complete the chart below for the selected reading.
- Students work in pairs to compare their conclusions and then share with the entire class.
- Students discuss which of their conclusions could significantly alter their understanding of the material, and which differences of opinion would not affect understanding.
- Students discuss the relationship between the presentation and the meaning of information.

Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Graphic Component	Information Contained in the Graphic	Relationship to Information in the Text	Function of Graphic Component