ORGANIZE BY GENRE

Teach genre characteristics | Grades 2-12

Group related details
Organize ideas to fit the text structure

	HOW-TO/PROCEDURAL	MAIN IDEA/DESCRIPTIVE	COMPARE-CONTRAST
INCLUDES GENRES/ PRODUCTS	Directions Recipes Instructions Procedures	Research, all-about reports Essay, explanation, summary Biography Friendly & business letter	Compare-contrast essay Comparative analysis
NOTE THE AUTHOR'S PURPOSE	To teach what happened in a step-by-step process, system, or event.	To reveal big ideas and specific details about a single topic.	To analyze what is similar between two different items.
NAME THE TEXT STRUCTURE	**HOW-TO/PROCEDURAL**	**MAIN IDEA/DESCRIPTIVE**	**COMPARE-CONTRAST**
VISUALIZE THE BODY	INTRODUCTION BODY { ¶ **Step 1...** *First...* ¶ **Step 2...** *Next...* ¶ **Step 3...** *Later...* CONCLUSION	INTRODUCTION BODY { ¶ **Big idea 1...** *One part...* ¶ **Big idea 2...** *Another facet...* ¶ **Big idea 3...** *A third big part...* CONCLUSION	INTRODUCTION BODY { ¶ **Category 1...** *Both address...* ¶ **Category 2...** *A second category...* ¶ **Category 3...** *They also include...* CONCLUSION
DEVELOP EACH BODY PARAGRAPH	Each middle paragraph is a step or big idea in the process or time line. • The topic sentence introduces the big idea. • The supporting sentences detail what happened in that single step.	Each middle paragraph is a subtopic, facet, big idea, reason, type, kind, or part of the major subject. • The topic sentence introduces the big idea. • The supporting sentences include specific details that describe that part or facet.	Each middle paragraph is one of the categories of comparison between two items. • The topic sentence introduces the category. • The supporting sentences reveal little details that are similar and different between the two items for that single category.
ARRANGE THE BODY PARAGRAPHS	Chronological order is essential. • Body paragraphs must be revealed in the order each step occurred.	Body paragraphs can usually be put in any order.	Body paragraphs can be organzed in one of two ways: • BASIC | All A information and then All B info. • SOPHISTICATED | Each paragraph includes A & B details organized by common category.