

NONFICTION TEXT STRUCTURES

Sample Books

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SEQUENTIAL STRUCTURES

3-Act Narrative Structure

- WOOD, WIRE, WINGS: Emma Lilian Todd Invents an Airplane by Kirsten Larson, illus. Tracy Subisak (cradle to grave)
- COYOTE MOON by Maria Gianferrari, illus. Bagram Ibatoulline (slice of life)

Secondary Structures

- R-E-S-P-E-C-T by Carole Boston Weatherford, illus. Frank Morrison
- MESMERIZED by Mara Rockliff, illus. Iacopo Bruno

Parallel Narrative Structure

- THE DIAMOND AND THE BOY by Hannah Holt, illus. Jay Fleck (alternating pages, meet toward the end)
- MARTIN & MAHALIA by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illus. Brian Pinkney (alternating spreads, meet at the beginning)
- BIRD & DIZ by Gary Golio, illus. Ed Young
- DIGGING FOR WORDS by Angela Burke Kunkel, illus. Paola Escobar

Cumulative Structure

- OLDER THAN THE STARS by Karen C. Fox, illus. Nancy Davis

Circular Structure

- WATER IS WATER by Miranda Paul, illus. Jason Chin

Reverse

- BEFORE SHE WAS HARRIET by Lesa Cline-Ransome, illus. James E. Ransome

Cause & Effect

- IF SHARKS DISAPPEARED by Lily Williams
- IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE OTTER by Susannah Buhrman-Deever, illus. Matthew Truman

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List Structure

- 13 WAYS TO EAT A FLY by Sue Heavenrich, illus. David Clark
- PIPSQUEAKS, SLOWPOKES, & STINKERS by Melissa Stewart, illus. Stephani Laberis
- JAZZ DAY by Roxanne Orgill, illus. Francis Vallejo
- NO VOICE TO SMALL, edited by Jeanette Bradley, Keila Dawson, Lindsay H. Metcalf, illus. Jeanette Bradley
- MUSLIM GIRLS RISE by Saira Mir, illus. Aaliya Jaleel

Compare & Contrast Structure

- BLUE SKY, WHITE STARS by Sarvinder Naberhaus, illus. Kadir Nelson
- NOW & Ben by Gene Baretta
- RODENT RASCALS by Roxie Munro

Q&A Books

- CAN AN AARDVARK BARK? by Melissa Stewart, illus. Steve Jenkins
- HONEYBEE by Candace Fleming, illus. Eric Rohmann
- WHOOO KNEW? by Annette Whipple

Less Common Structures

- THE NEXT PRESIDENT by Kate Messner, illus. Adam Rex (overlapping)
- THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT MARGARET WISE BROWN by Mac Barnett, illus. Sarah Jacoby (meta)
- WRITE TO ME by Cynthia Crady, illus. Amiko Hirao (epistolary)