

Teaching Notes

The goal of RH.9-10.5 is for students to learn how different text structures emphasize different key points or advance a particular explanation or analysis. This module shows students several examples of different structures for texts describing Hurricane Katrina and its effects on New Orleans. The following information contains ideas that teachers can incorporate into their classroom as well as additional resources to peruse and integrate into instruction as appropriate.

Activities

1. Select or write different paragraphs or short texts that use structures like cause and effect, description, and problem and solution. Make sure the texts discuss a topic that students will understand at least reasonably well.
2. Have students read the texts and determine what text structure is used. It is also productive to have students work in small groups or pairs to do this.

Writing Prompts

1. Have students (individually or in groups) craft a short analysis of the text they read for the second activity. The analysis should explain how students came to the determination they did for each text.
2. Provide students with a longer text (or two) that uses different text structures throughout. Have students identify the different sections and explain in a short essay the following:
 - How do the features in these sections show the section's text structure?
 - How do the different text structures work together to support a particular point or argument?

Additional Resources

Consider these additional resources when teaching RH.9-10.5:

- **“Identifying Text Structure”**: This resource is a lesson plan about identifying text structures. Its content includes learning outcomes, activities, and a worksheet:
<https://www.oercommons.org/authoring/6626-identifying-text-structure/view>
- **“Informational Text ‘How To’: The Structures, Lesson Planning, Teaching, and Literacy”**: This resource is a video about how to use informational text structures when planning lessons:
<https://www.opened.com/video/informational-text-how-to-the-structures-lesson-planning/98329>