

NONFICTION TOPICS

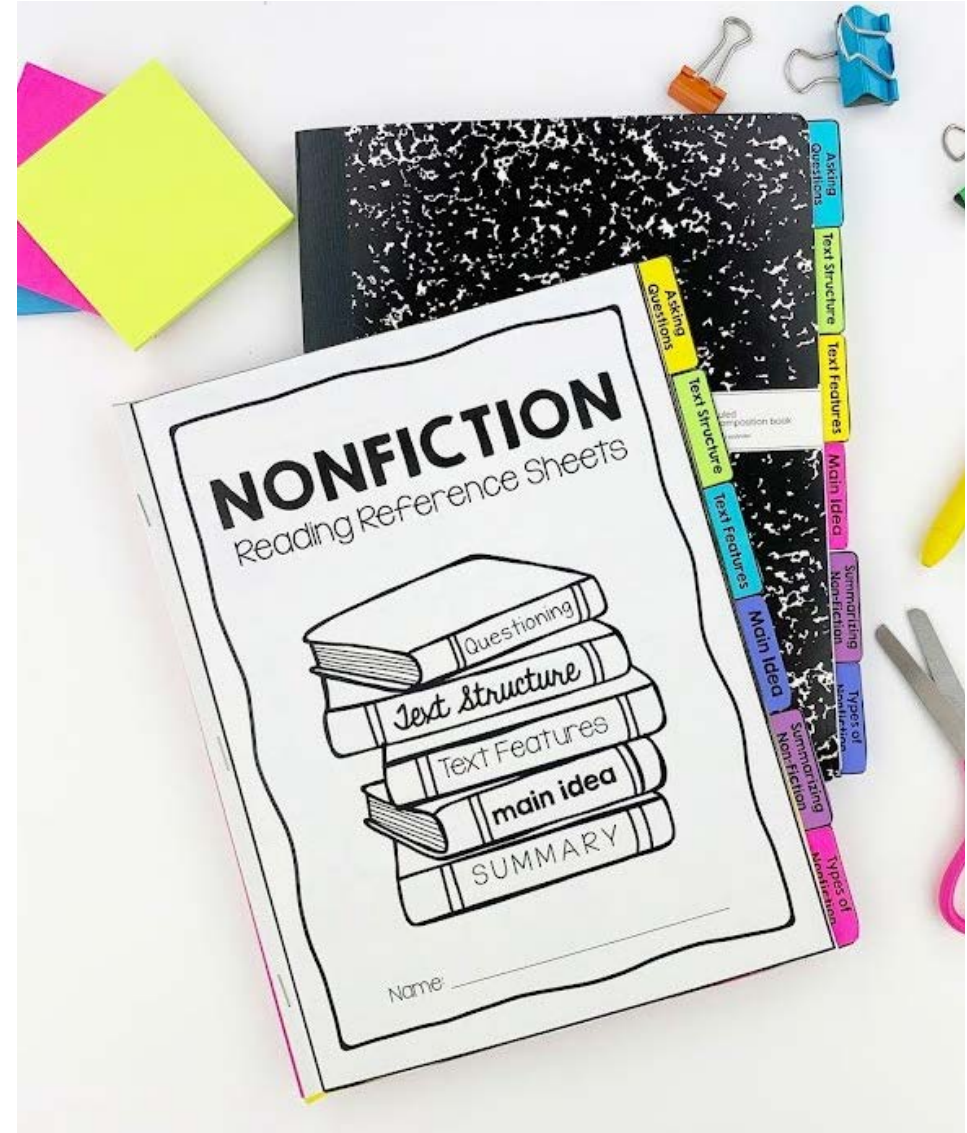


Includes 2 pages for each of six nonfiction topics listed below:

- ♥ Asking Questions
- ♥ Text Structure
- ♥ Text Features
- ♥ Main Idea
- ♥ Summarizing Nonfiction
- ♥ Types of Nonfiction

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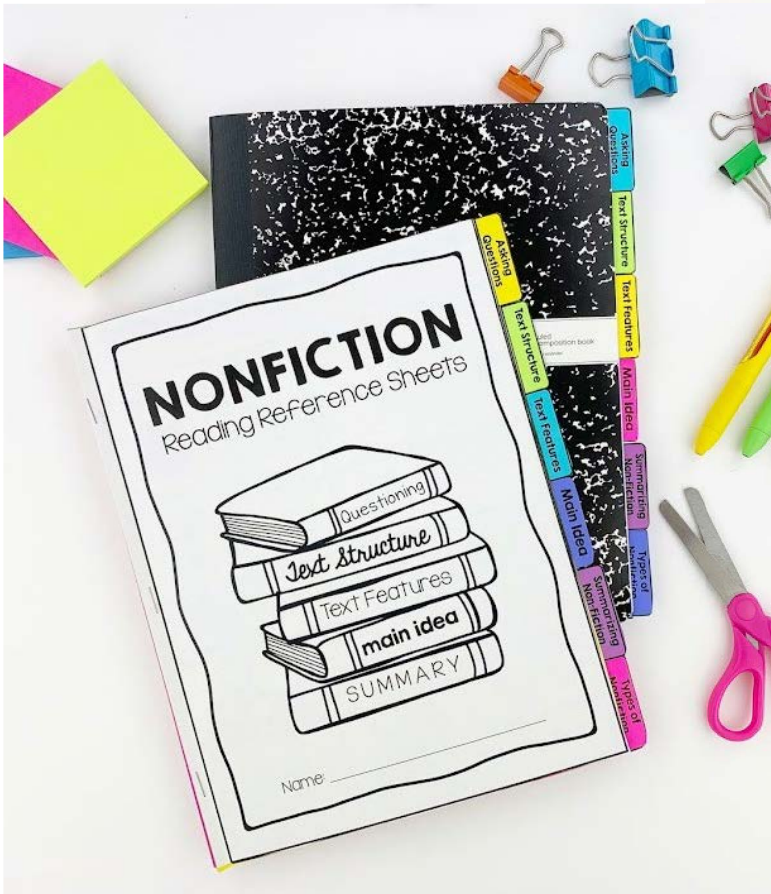
Reference tabs work great in reading notebooks. They help students find all the sections related to nonfiction texts.



HELPFUL REFERENCE BOOK

Can print front and back to create a helpful reference book that is super helpful to use during small group lessons.

OUTSIDE: COVER & TABS



INSIDE: FRONT AND BACK PAGES

Nonfiction Text Structure

Look at the following mini examples of each text structure. You can use these examples as reminders when reading your own non-fiction texts. Be sure to ask yourself these questions when you read each type of text structure.

Text Structure	Example of Text Structure	Questions to Ask
Cause & Effect	Manatees are peaceful creatures who live in Florida. Sadly, they are endangered. How is this possible, since they have no natural predators? It is because they are threatened by man fishing and boating practices put these animals in danger.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What relationship is the author describing? What key words were used? What is the effect? What is the cause?
Compare & Contrast	There are many different forests in the world. Each type of forest has a variety of plant and animal species who call them home. Boreal forests are cold and are the home to coniferous plants. These forests experience freezing temperatures most of the year unlike tropical forests which are temperate and have plants that can survive hot and humid temperatures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the author comparing? How are these two things similar? How are these two things different? Why is the author comparing these two things?
Description	The Downtown Bakery is known for their treats. They have a variety of sweet treats. A few examples of their most popular menu items include chocolate, nut cake, strawberry short cake and vanilla. But their best-selling cake is their peach pie upside down cake. It is sweet, fruity and smells amazing. Just make sure you show up before they sell out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the author describing? Why are they describing it? What words are they using in their description? How can you tell this is descriptive? Did the author appeal to any of your senses?
Sequence	Recycling is an linear text process. When we recycle, we eliminate trash and help our environment. The first step in the process is the collection of recyclable goods. Next, those recyclable items go to the processing plants. Finally, the materials can be made into new items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happens first? What is the last step? What would happen if the information was out of sequence? What key words were used?
Problem & Solution	One school had a challenge during distance learning. Students didn't want to turn their screens on, but that made it difficult for the classes to build community. A teacher, Mrs. Pearce had a great idea to try and solve this problem. She launched a contest that would challenge students to create, upload or air in the most interesting background.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the problem? What is the solution to the problem? How was the problem solved? Was there more than one solution mentioned in the text? What key words did they use?

Nonfiction Text Features

Be prepared to have the different types of text features and to understand how they help you better understand the text. The table below helps you understand the main categories of text features. Be sure to use the text features to your best advantage when reading.

Locate Information	Understand Keywords	Visualize Text Details	Understand Numbers	Web Features
These words tell you exactly what the author is talking about.	These words are the main ideas or key points in the text.	These words help you visualize the details in the text.	These numbers help you understand the data in the text.	These features help you find information on the web.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic Setting Character Time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Words Keywords Key Words Words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visuals Diagrams Tables Charts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics Numbers Percentages Tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hyperlinks Navigation Icons Search

What should I do when I see a text feature?

Be the best reader you can be! Use the following four steps to be sure you are using text features and getting the most out of the important information.

- 1** **Scan and preview the text features.**
 - Look for text features you need in the text.
 - Make a list of text features you need to look for.
- 2** **Study the text features.**
 - Look at the text features and details included in the text feature.
 - Consider how the text features are related to the information in the text.
- 3** **Ask questions about the text features.**
 - Ask yourself if the author includes this detail to text feature types?
 - Ask: What does this author want and to learn from this text feature?
- 4** **Evaluate the text features.**
 - Decide how helpful or necessary the text feature was.
 - Give the author a grade based on the quality of text features included.