

# Exploring Text Structure: Thanksgiving



- Text Structures:
- \*Cause and Effect
  - \*Descriptive
  - \*Compare & Contrast,
  - \*Sequence
  - \*Problem & Solution

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# Notes about this product:

- There are many different ways that I use these text structure sets. I mix it up with my students, but no matter how I use them, I feel like my students benefit! The more text structure practice they have, the better they get at identifying the structures!
- I hand out one single paragraph page each day during a week. Students highlight their words and try to figure out the text structure. I walk around and check students' ideas. Once I verify the correct structure they unfold the page and start working on the organizer. After we complete each individual paragraph together, I have students complete the page with all the paragraphs on it as an assessment.
- Sometimes I randomly hand out the single paragraph pages to students. I have them fill out the organizers and get into groups of 5. I make sure each group has someone with each text structure. After they share with their groups, I have the students individually fill out the page with all the text structures on it. This helps hold my students accountable during sharing time.
- I love to use these pages during guided reading! We look at the page with all the paragraphs on it. Then I focus on one text structure and use that individual page.
- Thank you for your purchase! Be sure to leave feedback to earn credits for future products.
- Be sure to check out my other text structure packets.
  - Holiday Text Structures Topics include: New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Winter Holidays (coming soon).
  - Social Studies and Science Text Structure topics include: Matter, Weather, Ecosystems, Space, US Government, and Native Americans
- Feel free to email me with any questions or for suggestions for future text structure products: [llamawithclass@gmail.com](mailto:llamawithclass@gmail.com)

I hope your class enjoys learning about text structure!

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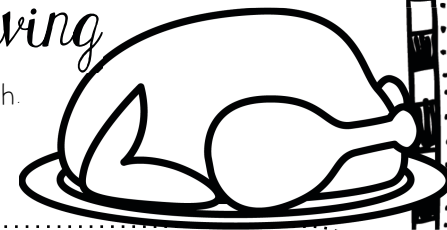
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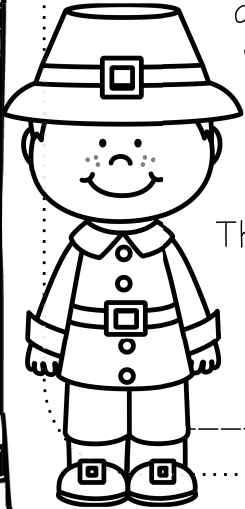
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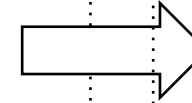
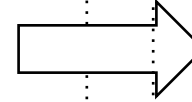
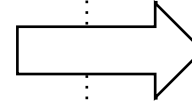
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Problems

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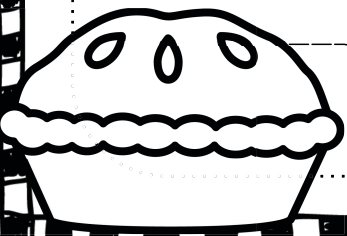
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Topic

Supporting Details

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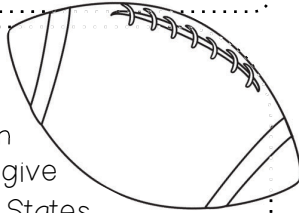


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American Thanksgiving

Both

Canadian Thanksgiving

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Text Structure: **Cause and Effect**

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Text Structure:  
**Problem and Solution**

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Problems

The pilgrims could not practice their religion

Solutions

They moved to Holland and then the United States

Winter was difficult in the United States

Squanto helped the Pilgrims learn about their new home and survive the climate

The pilgrims were not used to their new home

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Text Structure:

**Descriptive**

Topic  
**There are many traditional Thanksgiving foods**

Supporting Details

Turkey is a common meal

Stuffing is common

Many people eat green bean casserole

Mashed potatoes and gravy are popular foods

Cranberry sauce is common

Pumpkin pie is a popular dessert

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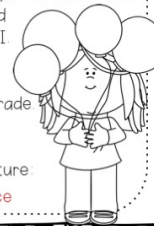
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Later  
Giant balloons were included in the parade

Then  
Celebrities became part of the parade

Later  
During World War II the parade had to be cancelled

Next  
The parade continued after the war

Today  
Many people enjoy the parade!

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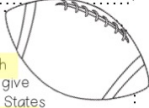
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Compare and Contrast



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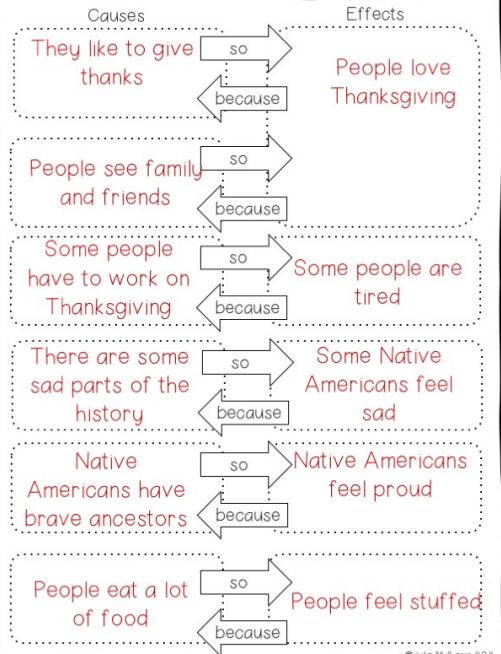
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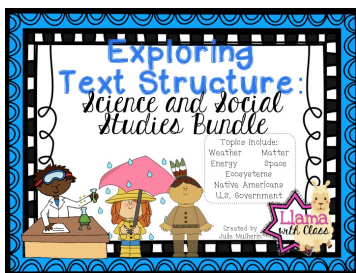
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