

Text Type Schema

Mysteries

Eye catching cover and title
Hooks the reader
Stimulates the imagination
Each chapter leaves the reader hanging and eager to read on for clues
Plot is like a puzzle
The main character may be the problem solver
Can have a surprise character or result (the obvious answer isn't always the right answer)
The reader and text bond

Functional Text

Table of contents
Headings and bold print
List of materials/tools
Specific vocabulary (at times with labeled pictures and diagrams)
Glossary
Step by step directions
Tips/Hints
Lots of picture support
Alternate ways of doing things
Math/measurement
Index
Some sub-titles

Historical Fiction

Based on something real or a real event or time in history
May need geography schema developed
May need era/period schema developed
Setting is more fully developed
Old fashioned vocabulary (sometimes glossary)
Time specific
Dialogue

Realistic Fiction

Chapters
Characters
Dialogue
Story but everything could happen
Summary and author notes
Few black/white illustrations
Descriptive vocabulary

Biography

Person's life story
Characteristics of personality
What they were famous for
Important events in their life
People who influenced their life
Could have actual photographs
Setting
Their family life
More formal writing
Time (era) it took place

Diaries and Journals

Dates and/or time entries
Personal information
Fiction and Non-fiction
Emotions
Scrapbook style
Memories
Drawings and/or doodles
Different fonts: bold, italics
"Casual" writing
Captions