

Text Structures (Homework)

Directions: Read each paragraph. Identify the type of text structure & the concept map that matches.

Sample Paragraph: Gray Wolves	Text Structure	Concept Map
<p>1. <i>What do wolves eat?</i> Wolves are carnivores, but will eat other food as well. Their diet ranges from big game, such as elk, bison, moose, to earthworms, berries, fish, snakes, mice and grasshoppers.</p>		
<p>2. Wolves have a predatory nature. When a wolf pack hunts, they often set up an ambush to catch prey. They will cull out the weak or sick animals. They do this by charging the group of animals (herds) such as deer to determine which one is the weakest. Once they have determined the weakest one, they all attack the prey. Wolves eat their food very quickly, probably to protect it from being stolen. They eat the best parts first, and come back later for the remainder. They will hide food in the snow, or icy soil, which helps to preserve it, and protect it from scavengers.</p>		
<p>3. The gray wolf also called the timber wolf is the largest of about 41 wild species within the dog family. They range in size from 26” – 38” from foot to shoulder, 39” to 80” in length and vary in weight from 57-130 pounds. Their coats may vary in color from gray to brown with jet black.</p>		
<p>4. The wolves of North America have had a difficult time over the last several centuries. The number of wolf populations has plummeted over the years due to bounty programs and government-financed trappers. They are all but extinct from the lower 48 states except for a small population in a few of the northeastern states such as Minnesota and Alaska. However, they are beginning to make a comeback due to the U.S. Endangered Species Act and wild life organizations that are designed to protect, restore, and educate the people about wildlife. Through the Endangered Species Act, if an offender is found guilty for the destruction of a wolf, they may be fined up to \$100,000 and up to one year in jail.</p>		
<p>5. Wolves have been looked upon as an enemy to people. In the Middle Ages legends and fables, the wolf represented evil and still the attitude survives today. At one time the wolf was plentiful in North America. When European Americans started settling on North American shores they brought with them their belief that the wolf represented evil. Fear of wolves gripped their hearts because wolves will feed on livestock, pets, and even humans if need be to survive. Wolves were hunted ruthlessly. Wolves were hunted, traps and cages were set and the wolf population began to decrease. Most European countries have killed off their wolf populations and very few exist around the world. Most wolves in North America are found in a few northern states such as Alaska and in Canada. Hunters have all but exterminated the gray wolf.</p>		
<p>6. The alpha male and the alpha female are the oldest members of the pack and the ones with the most experience in hunting and defending. The other pack members respect their positions and follow their leadership in almost all things. The young adult wolves that are the grown-up offspring of the alpha pair have their own special roles under the leadership of their parents.</p>		

Text Structures (Classwork)

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Sample Paragraph: Bald Eagles	Text Structure	Concept Map
<p>Example 1: The bald eagle is a member of the Accipitridae family that also includes hawks, kites, and old-world vultures. It is the only eagle unique to North America. Bald eagles are known for their white heads, neck, and tails. The bald eagle isn't really bald. At one time "bald" used to mean white not hairless. There are approximately 50,000 bald eagles in the United States. 80% of them are found in Alaska. Eagles are diurnal meaning they are active by day. Bald eagles may live as long as thirty years, but the average life span is probably about fifteen to twenty years.</p>		
<p>Example 2: Once an eagle spots a fish swimming or floating near the surface of the water, it approaches its prey in a shallow glide and snatches the fish out of the water with a quick swipe of its talons. When the open talons hit the prey, they instantly close and cannot be opened again until the eagle pushes down on a solid surface.</p>		
<p>Example 3: The golden eagle also lives in America. The adult golden eagle is dark brown, while young ones usually have some white on the wings and a white tail with a dark band at its tip. Bald eagles have bare legs, but the legs of golden eagles are feathered.</p>		
<p>Example 4: Once bald eagles could be seen in every state except Hawaii, but today this magnificent bird is an endangered species in forty-three states and a threatened species in five. Eagles must have peace and quiet to raise families. Much of the old-growth forests that eagles require have been cut down for lumber or replaced by towns and vacation homes. Also, poisons have hurt eagles. Before pesticide DDT was outlawed, bald eagles and other hunting birds began to disappear. Eagles also die from other human activities. For example, eagles are frequently executed by power lines. Moreover, some people kill eagles for their feathers. All of these things have contributed in the decline in population of the bald eagles.</p>		
<p>Example 5: Eagles are tricky to keep track of for flight allows them to travel quickly from place to place. A favorite way to trace individual birds is for scientists to put some sort of label on them. Lightweight, brightly colored plastic tags are often used to identify individual birds. Radio transmitters also allow scientists to find and follow the movements of individual birds.</p>		
<p>Example 6: Why was the bald eagle selected as a national symbol?</p> <p>The bald eagle is valued as a symbol of freedom. But it is special for another reason. The bald eagle is the American national bird. It was chosen for this honor in 1782, when it was used as the central figure in the official national seal. The uniquely</p>		

American bald eagle lives in America where the golden eagle lives in Europe as well.		
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