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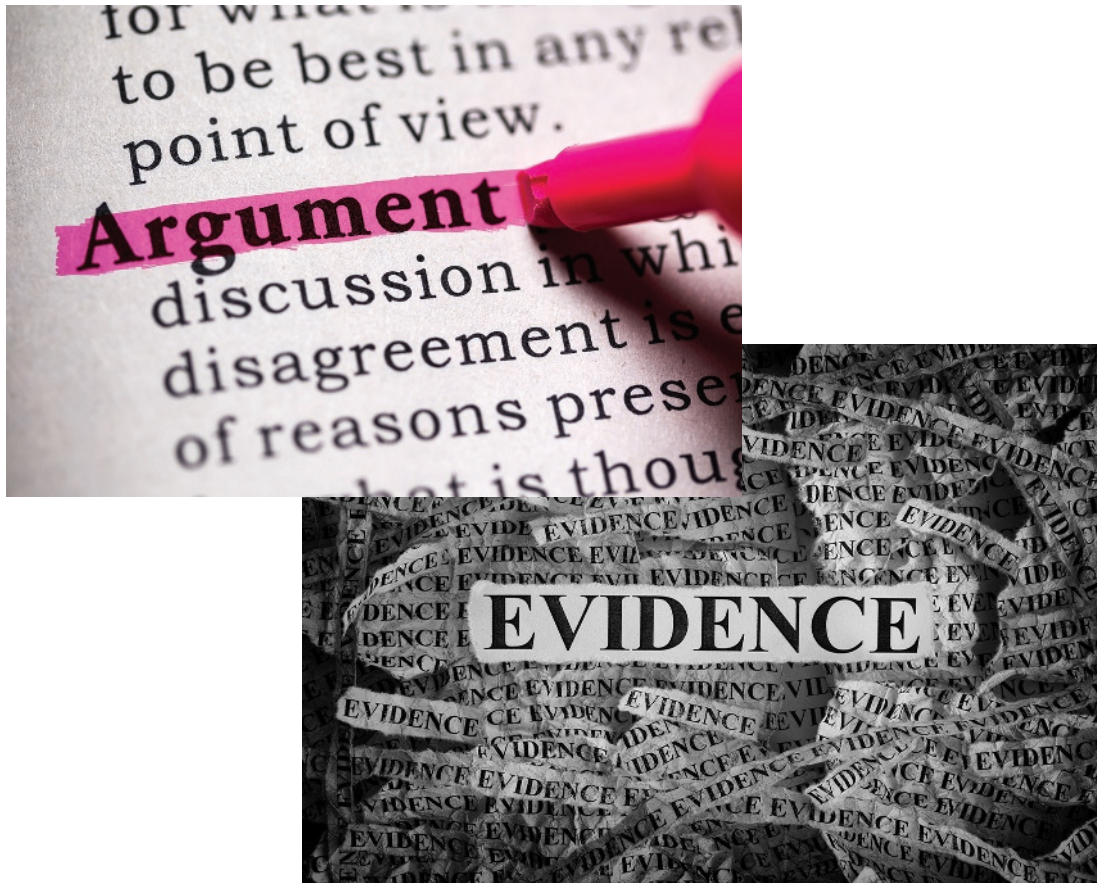
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VOCABULARY CARD: argument



An **argument** is an idea that is supported by evidence. In writing, an **argument** states what the writer thinks or feels about a topic.

Word and Definition

argument

noun

the part of a written essay or speech that states a position or opinion on a subject and then supports it with reasons and evidence; also sometimes called a claim

Other Words for Argument

claim	<i>argumento</i>
idea	<i>idea</i>
opinion	<i>opinión</i>
viewpoint	

An **argument** can be for or against an idea, opinion, or action.
An **argument** needs to be supported with reasons, evidence, facts, examples, numbers, evidence

VOCABULARY CARD: audience



A boy reads to his sisters. The book's **audience** is made up of the boy and his sisters.

Word and Definition

audience

noun

the reader(s) of a written text; the listeners of any text that is read aloud

Other Words for Audience

listeners

participants

readers

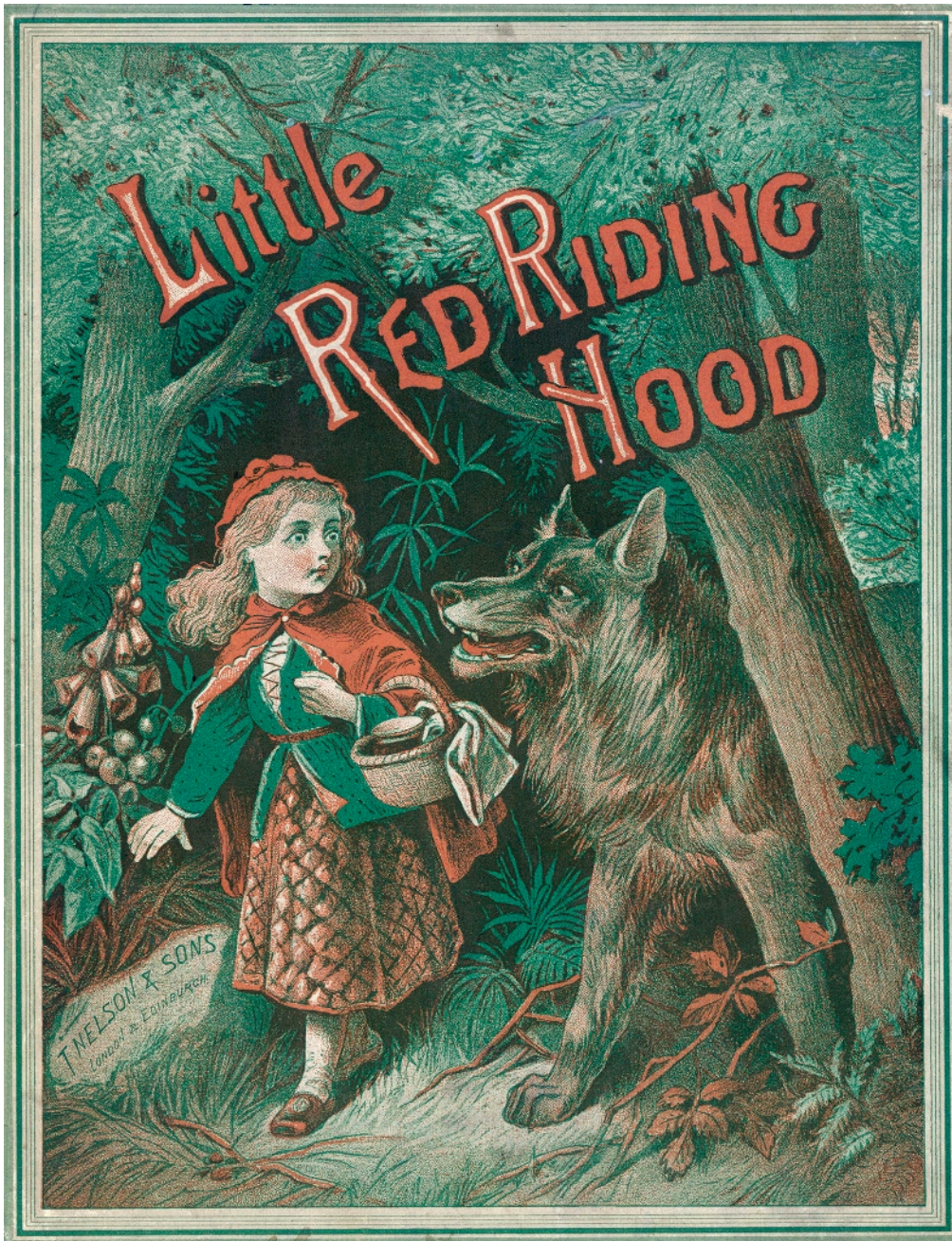
audiencia

When someone reads text, that reader is the **audience**. Someone who hears a written text read aloud is also the **audience**.

Think about your **audience** as you write. Who will read your story, essay, or poem?

An **audience** can be a friend, caregiver, or teacher.

VOCABULARY CARD: character



Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf are two of the **characters** in the story.

Word and Definition

character

noun

whom a story is about; a person, animal, or being in a story, play, or movie

Other Words for character

main character

person

role

supporting character

carácter

A **character** is whom a story is about. A **character** can be a person, animal, or other being, such as a robot.

Characters in "Little Red Riding Hood"

Little Red Riding Hood	a young girl
Grandmother	an old woman
Wolf	an animal
the Hunter	a man

VOCABULARY CARD: conflict



When people have a **conflict**, they do not agree.

Word and Definition

conflict

noun

a struggle between characters or a problem characters are trying to overcome; opposing actions between people or forces

Other Words for Conflict

argument

disagreement

fight

struggle

argumento

When a character wants something but something or someone else gets in the way, there is **conflict**.

Stories have **conflicts**, or problems to solve. There are four types of conflict.

Types of Conflict

External

(outside the character)

Internal

(inside the character)

Character and Character—when two characters disagree

Self—what a character thinks and feels

Character and Society—when a character disagrees with the rules of society

Character and Nature—when a character has problems with the natural world, such as weather

VOCABULARY CARD: dialogue



Two people are talking to each other. In a story, characters who speak to each other have a **dialogue**.

Dialogue is when characters talk to each other in a story.

When **dialogue** is written, quotation marks are used.

“I have a problem,” he said.

“Let me try to help you,” she said.

“Thank you,” he said.

Word and Definition

dialogue

noun

conversation between two or more characters in a text, usually enclosed by quotation marks

Other Words for Dialogue

conversation

diálogo

discussion

conversación

speaking

VOCABULARY CARD: explanatory text



Explanatory text explains how to do something or how something works, like an article on how the water cycle works.

Types of **explanatory texts** may include textbooks, instructional manuals, articles, and essays.

A recipe book is an **explanatory text**.

Word and Definition

explanatory text

noun

text that explains how to do something or how something works

Other Words for Explanatory Text

article

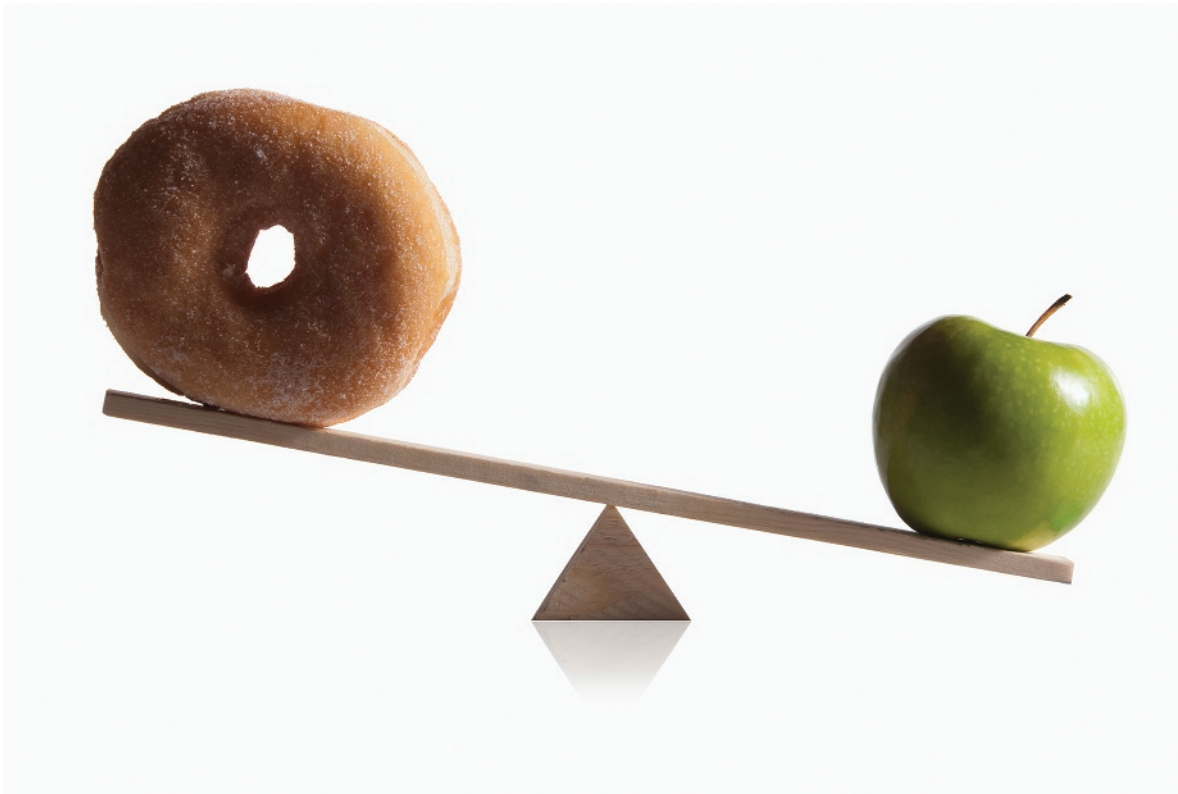
essay

nonfiction

texto

artículo

VOCABULARY CARD: fact



It is a **fact** that this apple weighs more than this doughnut.

Word and Definition

fact

noun

something that is true or has been proven correct; something that can be measured and can't be changed

Other Words for Fact

data

evidencia

detail

evidence

statistic

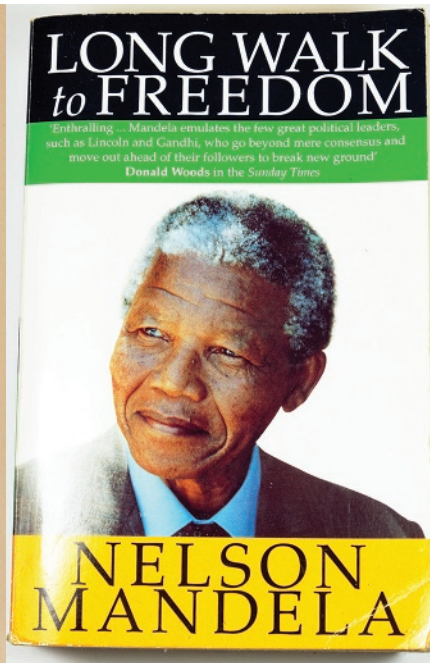
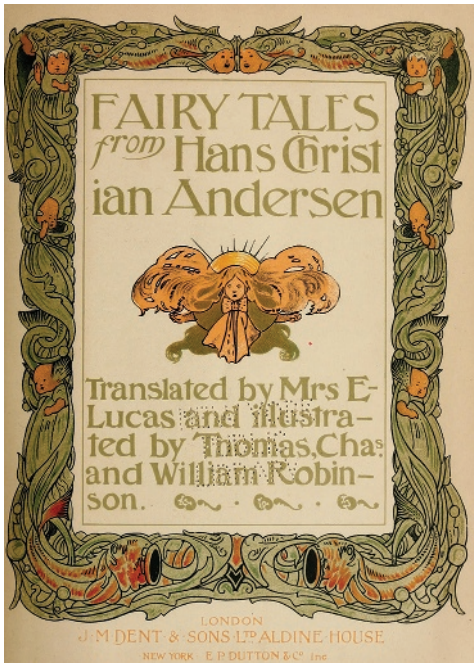
truth

Facts are used to support ideas or arguments.

A **fact** is that a bolt of lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun. Scientists have proven it to be true.

We use **facts** to support ideas or arguments.

VOCABULARY CARD: genre



A book of fairy tales is a **genre** of literature that is imaginary, but a biography of someone's life is nonfiction.

The **genre** tells the reader what to expect in a story in terms of characters, setting, and plot. The **genre** also tells what information will be in a nonfiction text.

Word and Definition

genre

noun

a category or type of literature, music, or art

Other Words for Genre

category

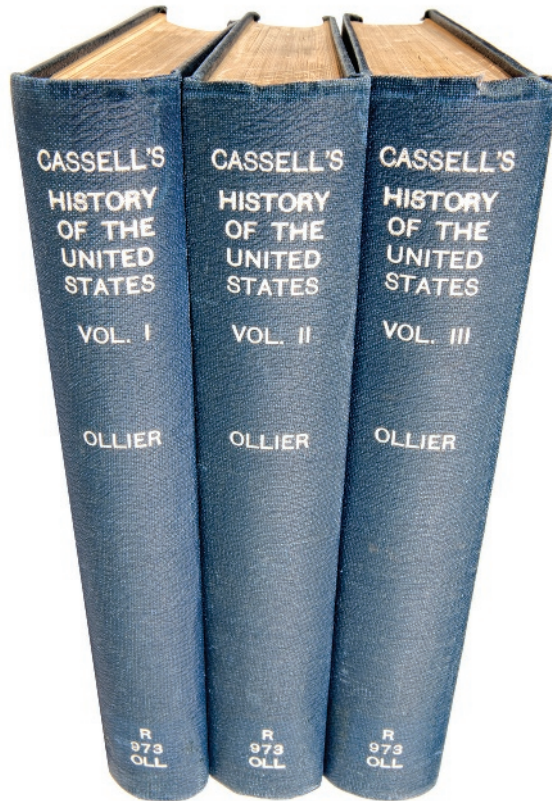
kind

type

Text Genres

Fiction	Nonfiction
drama	arguments
fairy tales	articles
historical fiction	biography
myths	essays
novels	history

VOCABULARY CARD: informational text



A history book is **informational text**.

Informational text gives the reader factual information about a certain topic or topics.

A history book is an **informational text** because it provides facts about past events.

Word and Definition

informational text

noun

factual text that provides knowledge

Other Words for Informational Text

article

essay

guidebook

how-to

VOCABULARY CARD: metaphor



A **metaphor** states that one thing is another. For example, the snow is a white blanket on the mountain.

The student is a shining star. This is a **metaphor** that compares the student to a star that shines in the sky.

The wind was a hungry wolf howling at the door. This is a **metaphor** that compares the sound of the wind to a wolf that howls.

Word and Definition

metaphor

noun

a figure of speech that makes a comparison by directly relating one thing to another

Other Words for Metaphor

comparison

VOCABULARY CARD: motivation



We can identify the character's **motivation**, or why the character does and says certain things.

The character wanted to win the race. The character's **motivation** for training was to win the race.

Many people are **motivated** to win a trophy. **Motivation** is why characters act the way they do in a story.

Word and Definition

motivation

noun

the reasons why characters do and say things

Other Words for Motivation

drive

reason

motivación

VOCABULARY CARD: narrative



He is reading a **narrative** about elves that takes place in a magic forest.

Word and Definition

narrative

noun

an event that is written or told

Other Words for Narrative

account

history

story

tale

A **narrative** is a true or made-up story that is written or told.

A **narrative** has characters, a setting, and events in a beginning, middle, and end.

VOCABULARY CARD: narrator



Someone writing a story is the person telling the story. A **narrator** is the person who is telling the story.

Word and Definition

narrator

noun

a person who tells a story

Other Words for Narrator

author

autora

character

speaker

storyteller

writer

The **narrator** tells the readers what happens in the story. A **narrator** can be part of the story or outside of the story. Both fiction and nonfiction texts have **narrators**.

VOCABULARY CARD: opinion



An **opinion** is what you think or believe. You can support your **opinion** with facts and reasons.

Your **opinion** is how you feel about a topic.

Word and Definition

opinion

noun

a view or judgment formed in someone's mind

Other Words for Opinion

belief

idea

idea

opinión

judgment

thought

view

VOCABULARY CARD: paraphrase



Maria asks Luis to **paraphrase** the text. Luis says the main ideas of the text in his own words.

Word and Definition

paraphrase

verb

to say something in a different way

Other Words for Paraphrase

interpret

restate

reword

summarize

To **paraphrase** what you read, you say ideas in a new way. To **paraphrase** text, you say the information using your own words.

VOCABULARY CARD: plot



She is surprised by the **plot** of the story.

Word and Definition

plot

noun

a series of events and actions that relate to a story's conflict

Other Words for Plot

action

events

story

storyline

The **plot** is the events and actions of the characters in a story. The **plot** of the story includes the beginning, middle, and end. The **plot** usually has a problem or conflict the characters need to solve.

VOCABULARY CARD: problem-and-solution text structure



A problem-and-solution text structure is like solving a math problem.

Informational texts written using **problem-and-solution text structure** present a problem and then solve the problem.

1. An event or idea is described.
2. Why the event or idea is a problem is explained.
3. A solution is explained.
4. Why that solution will work is explained.

Word and Definition

problem-and-solution text structure

noun

a way of organizing text in which information is presented as a problem and a solution to the problem

VOCABULARY CARD: resolution



In a story, the **resolution** is when the conflict or problem is solved.

At the end of the story, the characters solved the problem and came to a **resolution**.

In the **resolution** of the mystery story, the missing treasure was discovered.

Word and Definition

resolution

noun

the part of a story when the conflict or problem is solved

Other Words for Resolution

ending

resolución

solution

solución

VOCABULARY CARD: sequence text structure



Sequence text structure tells the story in the order that events happen.

A history text describes the events of World War I from beginning to end. It uses a **sequence text structure**. Events are told in the order that they happen.

Words that are used in sequence:

- first, next, last
- first, then, last,
- beginning, middle, end

Word and Definition

sequence text structure

noun

a text structure in which information or events are presented in the order in which they occur

VOCABULARY CARD: setting



The **setting** is a field near a farm during the day.

The **setting** of a text is where and when the events take place. Examples of **settings** include homes, towns, cities, schools, and even space.

Word and Definition

setting

noun

the time and place in which a story occurs

Other Words for Setting

location

place

where

VOCABULARY CARD: simile



My sister is as tall as my mom. This is a **simile** comparing the sister's height to the height of her mother.

Word and Definition

simile

noun

a figure of speech comparing two unlike things using the words *like* or *as*

Other Words for Simile

comparison

Similes compare two different things using the words *like* or *as*. *My friend's smile is as bright as the sun.* This **simile** compares the friend's smile to the sun.

VOCABULARY CARD: source



A website can be used as a **source** of information.

A **source** is where you find information about a topic. It is important to use reliable **sources** to support ideas and opinions.

Types of Sources

- blogs
- books
- experts
- magazines
- newspapers
- people
- websites

Word and Definition

source

noun

a book, document, or person from which a writer can get research information for a text

Other Words for Source

evidence

proof

reference

support

VOCABULARY CARD: text features



Bold words and highlighted words are text features.

Text features are how text looks and how text is organized. **Text features** are visual.

Types of Text Features	
The Way Print Looks	How Words Are Organized
boldface	diagrams
• bullets	headings, subheadings
highlight	glossary
<i>italics</i>	index
1. numbers	labels
<u>underlines</u>	pictures with captions
¹ footnotes	sidebars

Word and Definition

text features

noun

text elements such as headings, bold words, and sidebars that help to visually organize or communicate information in a text

VOCABULARY CARD: text structure



Text structure is how the text is organized.

Types of **text structures** are how the text is organized. The order of information is different for each structure.

This text is written in a **text structure** to help organize the information for the reader.

Types of Text Structure

- compare and contrast
- cause and effect
- problem and solution
- sequence

Word and Definition

text structure

noun

the way in which a text's information is organized in order to clearly connect its ideas

VOCABULARY CARD: theme



A superhero and villain show a **theme** of good against evil. A **theme** of a story is the message the author shares, such as *be kind to one another*.

The **theme** is what the author wants the reader to learn from the story.

Examples of themes:

- bravery during challenges
- fight for freedom
- good against evil
- life and death
- valuing family

Word and Definition

theme

noun

the main idea or subject of a piece of writing; a message that the author wants to convey to the reader

Other Words for Theme

message

lesson