

Notes - Identifying Informational Text

What makes text informational? Its primary purpose is to inform the reader about the natural or social world. Different from fiction, and other forms of non-fiction, **informational text** does not utilize characters.

What informational text IS NOT:

- A biography
- A procedural text (such as cook books or craft directions)
- A joke book
- A text with characters (actors)

What is Informational Text?

- Nonfiction
- Contains details
- Facts – true statements
- Informative for a specific topic
- Explains Why
- Has text features (see below)
- Title reveals the topic
- Learn something new

Text Features: Authors of informational text employ a variety of structures to assist the reader in finding information quickly and efficiently.

Examples: table of contents, graphs, photos, glossary, etc.