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Future Nonfiction Text - Planning Stage#1

Assume that you are going to be writing a nonfiction book in your future. For some of you, it may be the near future and for others, a long time from now. Regardless of the timeframe, what type of nonfiction book would you see yourself most likely writing? Go through the list of nonfiction genres and make a selection based on your talents, skills, and most importantly, what you enjoy.

1. Nonfiction Genre Selection

Now that you have chosen your general topic area, you will need to be more specific. For example, if you chose a cookbook as your genre, what type of cookbook will it be? Will it cover a specific region of the world, perhaps a seasonal topic such as holidays, or maybe it will cover recipes for an age group. There are many types of cookbooks.

Perhaps you are interested in sports. You could choose to write a biography about a sports personality, or about a sport in general, or a particular team. Perhaps you want to focus on the fundamentals of a game or maybe the history of the uniforms for a particular team. There are endless options.

Do you like to travel? Maybe you could consider a travel guide. Where would you like to go in the world and how would you like to travel once you were there? What would you like to do once you would arrive at your destination?

You might be saying that writing is not for you, instead, you like to work with tools. Perhaps you could create a tool guide complete with step-by-step instructions on how to use each tool. How about a book that is featuring the history of a particular video game?

Your best method to use in choosing a good nonfiction topic is to investigate what is currently available. Check online. Look in our library. Ask your parents and grandparents what they think would work for you. Most of all, you need to pick something that you already have an interest in.

2. Specific Nonfiction Selection –

Now that you have a good idea of what your nonfiction book's subject will be, tell me what you plan to feature in your book. For example, if I am choosing to write about a specific craft, for example, the braiding of hair, what will my book feature? I might have lots of photos of different types of hair braids. I might decide to provide step-by-step charts or illustrations. I could even have a glossary with a listing of the various terms used in hair braiding or just with hair care in general.

Identify at least three text features that you would use in your book and explain how you would use each one.

3. Text Features

Clearly identify each of the three text features that you will include in your book. Be specific... don't just say that you will have photos. What kind of photos? Will there be captions with the photos? Will you use color or black and white? Will you have mostly close-ups or landscape or perhaps a combination of both?

A. Text Feature: _____

Description: _____

B. Text Feature: _____

Description: _____

C. Text Feature: _____

Description: _____

