

# Informational Text

English I Honors

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# Controlling Idea

The main point or underlying direction of a piece of writing. A controlling idea makes the reader ask a question that is answered by reading more or helps the reader understand the author's purpose for writing the piece.

# Author's Purpose

The reason or intent for writing. The umbrella categories are to inform, persuade, or entertain.

# Summary

To reduce larger sections of text to their essential and main ideas.

# Critique

Holds and/or expresses  
opinions, takes a position

# Substantiated Opinion

Verified, proven, and  
confirmed.

# Unsubstantiated Opinion

Has not been verified, proven,  
or confirmed.

# Inference

A conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning.



**Text Features:** Draw your attention to important information

- Photograph
- Caption
- Label
- Graph
- Table
- Title
- Heading
- Subheadings
- Bold
- Italics
- Underlined
- Etc.

# Text Structures

Help you find the controlling idea and supporting details.

- Problem/Solution
- Compare/Contrast
- Description
- Timeline
- Sequence
- Cause/Effect

# Formality and Tone

What is the author's attitude towards their subject and are they using formal or informal language to present their ideas.

# Types of Informational Text

- Textbooks
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Brochures
- Encyclopedias
- Editorials
- Diaries/Journals