

Informational Article Prewriting Activities

There are a number of different ways that writers organize information when writing informational text. Below are a few activities to help you organize your research information using some of those text structures. If you complete these writing activities thoroughly, you will be able to use them as the foundation for the paragraphs and/or sections in your informational article.

Sequence of Events: Create a list of at least five of the most important events in the person's life. Organize events in order of their occurrence (from first to last) and use signal words (such as first, second, then, next, finally, last, etc.) to help with your transitions. Your first event should describe when and where the person was born, and, if they are no longer alive, the last event should detail when and where he or she died.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Problem/Solution: Describe one or two obstacles, setbacks, or problems in the person's life and explain how the person overcame it.

Topic/Description: Describe the person's most significant accomplishment and provide details and evidence that support its significance.

Cause/Effect: Describe at least two examples of cause and effect in your person's life that you read about or inferred through your research.

Ideas to include in hook and introduction paragraph:

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<u>Paragraph Type or Subtitle</u>	<u>Research Information to include in this paragraph</u>
Introduction paragraph	
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Conclusion Paragraph	

