Suggested Text Forms and Text Features to be Worked Toward by the End of Sixth Grade

Fiction

Narrative
Realistic, fantast
Traditional, folktales
Legends, fables, myths, tall tales
Recount
Songs
Letters
(personal and functional)
Diaries
Rhymes
Poetry
Rhymed, unrhymed, haiku,
cinquain, ballads
Contemporary, historical
Plays
Proverbs, Sayings, Idioms
Essays
Magazines
Comics, Cartoons
Historical and contemporary
fiction (Novels, Short Stories)
Science fiction
Memoirs
Classics

Non-Fiction

Nonfiction texts should include
science, social studies, math, the
arts, health, fitness and technology
Procedural and technical texts
Expository
Recount
Report
Question and answer
Articles
Dictionaries
Maps
Informational posters
Encyclopedia
Almanacs
Thesauruses
Brochures
Diaries/Journals
Biographies, Autobiographies
Speeches
Interviews
Advertisements
Essays
Atlases
Newspapers
Newspaper reports
Magazines
Magazine articles
Memos
Directories, Phone books
Business letters
Schedules
Manuals
Promotional Materials
Editorials
Policies
Public documents-contracts,
warranties, guarantees
Consumer reports
Trade publications
Research papers

Text Features

Labels
Captions
Story maps
Charts
Cover information
Title pages
Table of contents
Glossaries
Diagrams
Maps and map keys/scales
Chapter headings
Pie charts/bar graphs
Acknowledgments
Blurbs
Indexes
Introductions
Timetables
Parenthesis
References
Footnotes
Checklists
Subheadings
Tables
Asterisks
Graphs
Paragraphs
Dialogues
Quotation marks
Directions
Codes
Abbreviations
Dashes
Appendices
Computer menu, searches,
icons
Forewords
Bibliographies
Chapter summaries
Margin entries
Symbols

Bold print denotes elements new to grade level.