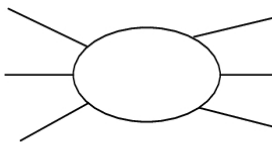
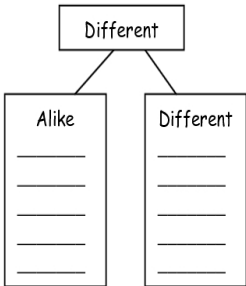


Five Expository Text Structures

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Pattern	Description	Cue Words	Graphic Organizer	Sample Passage
<i>Description</i>	The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, and examples.	<i>for example</i> <i>characteristics are</i>		The Olympic symbol consists of five interlocking rings. The rings represent the five continents- Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America- from which athletes come to compete in the games. The rings are colored black, blue, green, red, and yellow. At least one of these colors is found in the flag of every country sending athletes to compete in the Olympic games.
<i>Sequence</i>	The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological order.	<i>first, second, third</i> <i>next</i> <i>then</i> <i>finally</i>	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____	The Olympic games began as athletic festivals to honor the Greek gods. The most important festival was held in the valley of Olympia to honor Zeus, the king of the gods. It was this festival that became the Olympic games in 776 BCE. These games were ended in 394 CE by the Roman Emperor who ruled Greece. No Olympic games were held for more than 1,500 years. Then the modern Olympics began in 1896. Almost 300 male athletes competed in the first modern Olympics. In the games held in 1900, female athletes were allowed to compete. The games have continued every four years since 1896 except during World War II, and they will most likely continue for many years to come.
<i>Comparison</i>	The author explains how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different.	<i>different</i> <i>in contrast</i> <i>alike</i> <i>same as</i> <i>on the other hand</i>		The modern Olympics is very unlike the ancient Olympic games. Individual events are different. While there were no swimming races in the ancient games, for example, there were chariot races. There were no female contestants and all athletes competed in the nude. Of course, the ancient and modern Olympics are also alike in many ways. Some events, such as the javelin and discus throws, are the same. Some people say that cheating, professionalism, and nationalism in the modern games are a disgrace to the Olympic tradition. But according to the ancient Greek writers, there were many cases of cheating, nationalism, and professionalism in their Olympics, too.