

FEATURES OF INFORMATIONAL TEXTS

**** Teacher role is to explicitly teach these. Note: Reader's aids are encompassed within the general category of text features.**

**** Student role is to evaluate text features and utilize these to enhance their own understanding of the information presented.**

<i>Print Features</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ font ❖ bold print ❖ colored print ❖ italics ❖ parenthetical references ❖ footnotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ bullets ❖ titles ❖ headings ❖ subheadings ❖ sidebars and pull-down boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ labels ❖ captions ❖ number of columns on a page ❖ symbols and icons ❖ quotations
<i>Graphic Aids</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ diagrams ❖ graphs ❖ figures ❖ schedules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ maps ❖ charts ❖ tables ❖ articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ cross-sections ❖ timelines ❖ overlays ❖ documents
<i>Organizational Aids</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ table of contents ❖ index ❖ guide words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ glossary ❖ preface ❖ headers and footers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ pronunciation guide ❖ appendix
<i>Illustrations</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ photographs ❖ drawings ❖ cartoons ❖ sketches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ acrylic, watercolor, oil paintings ❖ advertisements ❖ posters 	