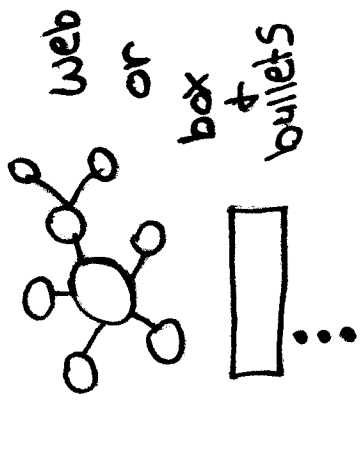
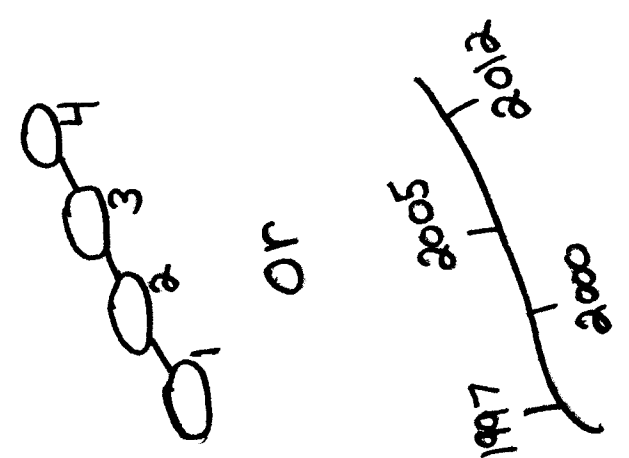
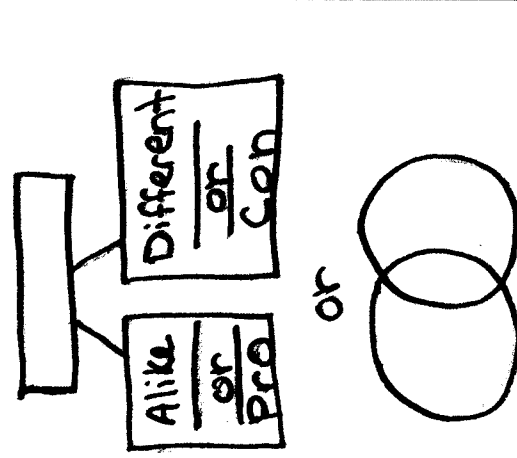


Nonfiction Text Structures

Pattern	Description	Signal Words	Note Taking
Description Or Main Idea & Details	The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, examples, or informative details	• for example • characteristics • for instance • such as • is like • including • to illustrate	
Sequence Or Chronological	The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological sequence, either explicit or implied	• first • second • third • later • next • before • then • finally • after • when • later • since • now • previously • actual use of □ dates	
Comparison Or Pro & Con	Information is presented by detailing how two or more events, concepts, theories, or things are alike and/or different, or the two sides of an issue	• however • nevertheless • on the other hand • but • although • in contrast • yet • different • alike • same as • in the same way • just like • just as • similarly • also	

Cause and Effect	The author presents ideas, events in time, or facts as causes and the resulting effect(s) or facts that happen as a result of an event.	• if/then • reasons why • as a result • therefore • because • consequently • since • so that • for • hence • dueto • thus • this led to		
Problem and Solution	The author presents a problem and one or more solutions to the problem	• problem is • dilemma is • if/then • because • so that • question/answer • puzzle is solved		