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Exploring Text Structures

"Text structure" is the term for how an author organizes information. Authors use different text structures to achieve different purposes, and one piece of writing often has multiple text structures.

Directions: Common text structures are listed in the boxes on the right. Use the information in these boxes to help you answer the questions below about the text structures in "The Hunt for Lost Pirate Gold."

1. The author uses **description** in the first section of "The Hunt for Lost Pirate Gold." What is the author describing?

Description or List
Includes details to help you picture or get to know a person, a place, a thing, or an idea

Cause and Effect
Explains *why* something happened (cause) and *what* happened as a result (effect)

2. A. Circle the text structure used in the section "The Truth About Pirates."

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B. Explain how you know, using evidence from the text.

Problem and Solution
Presents a problem and explains how it is solved

Compare and Contrast
Presents the similarities and/or differences between two items, such as a pair of events, time periods, ideas, or places

Sequence of Events
Describes events in the order in which they happen (also called chronological order)

3. A. In the section "X Marks the Spot," the author describes Clifford's search for the *Whydah*. What text structure is used in this section?

B. Explain how you know, using evidence from the text.

4. Fill in the empty boxes below to identify the cause-effect relationships in the article.

