

Expository Writing Scope and Sequence

Grade	Lesson Type	Strategy or Activity	Purpose/Desired Outcomes	Tasks for Students
K-2 nd	Introductory	Read aloud	Expose students to the expository genre	Orally differentiate literary narratives from expository texts
K-2 nd	Introductory	Class discussion	Compare literary narratives with expository texts	Differentiate literary narratives from expository texts with a Venn Diagram
2-3 rd	Introductory	Think-Aloud	Identify special features of expository texts	Read expository texts and mark their features
2-3 rd	Skill-building	Graphic Organizers	Identify text structures	Students complete an organizer as they read a variety of texts
2-3 rd	Skill-building	Strategic Reading	Identify main idea and key concepts	Complete a scaffolded outline of the text and answer leading questions
3 rd -5 th	Skill-building	Reciprocal Teaching	Summarize piece	Use appropriate terms for summarizing while succinctly conveying main idea
3 rd -5 th	Skill-building	Diagramming & class discussion	Read with the purpose of topic and transitional sentences, supporting details, and other devices in mind	Locate topic and transitional sentences, supporting details, and other devices on a variety of expository texts
3 rd -5 th	Advanced	Reciprocal Teaching	Read critically, asking yourself questions, looking for author's purpose and main idea	Read and discuss short text samples with stated and unstated main ideas
4 th -6 th	Advanced	Strategic Reading	Map out how main idea and key concepts relate	Choose a graphic organizer with which to map out the text structure
4 th -6 th	Advanced	Assessment	Read critically, asking yourself questions, looking for author's purpose and main idea	Read and critique a sample of a student-written expository piece