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Text Structure and Author's Choices

Today's Standard

11-12.RL.5 - Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

Cues	Notes
What is text structure?	Text structure refers to how a text is organized.
How do authors structure texts?	Authors make deliberate choices about where to begin or end a story, and whether to provide a comedic or tragic resolution.
Why is text structure important?	Text structure affects the overall meaning and aesthetic impact of the text.
Examples of structural choices	Examples include the use of flashbacks, parallel plots, and varying points of view.
Impact of structural choices	Structural choices contribute to the reader's understanding and emotional response.

Summary

Understanding text structure involves analyzing how an author's choices in organizing a text contribute to its meaning and impact. These choices are deliberate and play a crucial role in shaping the narrative.