



Text Structure and Time Manipulation

Today's Standard

9-10.RL.5 - Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure a text, order events within it (e.g., parallel plots), and manipulate time (e.g., pacing, flashbacks) create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.

Cues	Notes
What is narrative structure?	Narrative structure refers to the way a story is organized.
How do authors manipulate time?	Authors can manipulate time through techniques like flashbacks, pacing, and parallel plots.
What effects can these techniques create?	These techniques can create effects such as mystery, tension, or surprise.
Examples of non-linear narratives?	Examples of non-linear narratives include 'The Great Gatsby' and 'Memento' (film).
Why is pacing important?	Pacing controls the speed at which a story unfolds, impacting suspense and reader engagement.

Summary

Understanding narrative structure and time manipulation helps in analyzing how authors create specific effects in their stories. These techniques are essential for engaging readers and enhancing the storytelling experience.