

Non fiction Readers know it pays off to think about.....

*Main Ideas and their supports

*Text Structure

(notice signal words that suggest structure)

- 1) Chronological order
- 2) Cause / Effect
- 3) Problem/Solution
- 4) Compare/Contrast

*Parts of a text and how they fit together

Assignment

Read this Nonfiction text: Superballs Leads to Super Bowl

Using a piece of looseleaf paper, decide what types of text structure you noticed as you read and give examples that you found.

Example:

I noticed cause and effect in the article titled: Superballs Leads to Super Bowl.

In the article, the cause was.....which lead to.....as the effect.

Please have at least three examples and tell which type of text structure you noticed. Each text structure needs an example.

Remember: Nonfiction Readers know it pays off to think about Text structure.

Superball Leads to the Super Bowl

With the right amount of pressure, the right amount of heat, and a whole lot of the "amazing Zectron", the best super bouncy rubber ball toy was born.

Norman Stingley was a talented chemist of Bettis Rubber Company who invented the Superball. This plum-sized, plum-colored rubber is tremendously, super bouncy - that's how it got its name - and made of Zectron. Zectron is actually just a cool name invented by Stingley to call the combination of many ingredients to create the superball. Then these ingredients are heated up to harden and then compressed into a ball shape with 3,500 pounds of pressure!

When Stingley finished the ball project in 1965, he offered it to his employer, thinking it can be one of the rubber company's products. Unfortunately, it was rejected because it was not durable enough. Luckily, Stingley went to Wham-O and was quickly accepted. Wham-O helped Stingley to perfect the Superball. Wham-O was already a very popular toy company because of the success of Hula Hoops and Frisbees.

The Superball became a craze and sold over 170,000 balls per day. Wham-O celebrated the release of the Superball by creating a bowling ball-sized Superball and dropping from a 23rd story window of an Australian hotel. When it hit the ground floor, it bounced back up to 15 stories high. When it fell back down again, it smashed to destruction a parked convertible car. Unbelievably, the gigantic Superball remained in perfect condition.

This 2-inch dark, bouncy globe of rubber was marked with the certified Wham-O Zectron logo so that it can be quickly recognized from knockoffs. It's so super bouncy that it can bounce six times higher than a regular bouncy ball. It's not only a child's play ball but also a learning tool to study impacts and motions. However, its super bounciness has imperfections too. It can fall apart when hit too hard and the dark plum color fades over time into a yellowish hue.

Interestingly, the name Super Bowl came from Superball. Yeah, you heard me right. Super Bowl and Superball are related. That's what the American Football League founder, Lamar Hunt, called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game of 1966. Reports said that it was Hunt's children playing with a Superball that gave him the idea to invent the name for the football game. Hunt was actually not fixed with the name Super Bowl and said, "it could change" but the media caught it immediately and the acceptance of the audience was really great. And the rest was history for this 2007 National Toy Hall of Famer.

Superball Leads to the Super Bowl Name _____

Read each question below. Answer it with complete sentences and use evidence from the text to support your answer.

1.) What happens once the ingredients are combined to make the superball?

2.) The author used the term *Zectron*. What does this mean according to the text?

3.) What was Wham-O already popular for?

4.) How did Wham-O celebrate the release of the superball?

5.) How is the Super Bowl related to the superball?
