



Reading and Learning from Informational Text



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in this book.

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Try This

Answers to questions are found in many different types of informational text sources. Some answers might be found in books. Some might be found online. Some might be found in other sources. Which types of text could help answer these questions?

1. What did Thomas Jefferson do to help his country?
2. Who invented the airplane?
3. What is happening in my town this week?
4. How do I make chocolate chip cookies?
5. How do I put this toy together?

Answers: 1. Biography, 2. Book or Web site about airplanes, 3. Newspaper, 4. Cookbook, 5. Instruction manual



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Try This

Look at the chapter titles of an informational text. Use

them to ask questions about each section.

Can you answer the questions after reading the chapter? This means you understood the text!

Which chapter would you check to answer these questions?

1. How old are tigers when they leave their mothers?
2. Where do tigers live?
3. What is the difference between a Bengal tiger and a Siberian tiger?
4. What do tigers look like?
5. How have humans caused problems for tigers in the wild?

Try writing a research question that might be answered in the "Appearance" chapter.

Answers: 1. Cubs, 2. Habitat, 3. Different Types of Tigers, 4. Appearance, 5. Tigers and Humans

TIGERS

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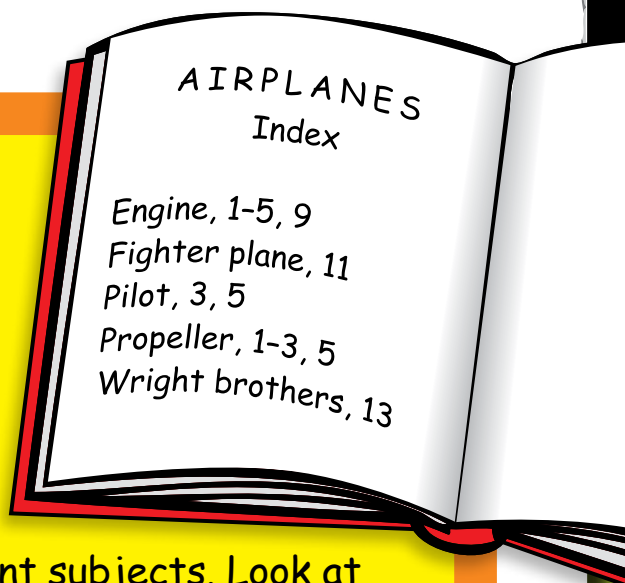
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Using an index can save you time by directing you to pages that contain information about different subjects. Look at the index above. Which pages could answer the research questions below?

1. How do propellers work?
2. When did the Wright brothers make the first successful airplane flight?
3. What makes fighter planes special?
4. How are pilots trained?
5. How do engines keep airplanes in the air?



Answers: 1. 1-3, 5; 2. 13; 3. 11; 4. 3, 5; 5. 1-5, 9

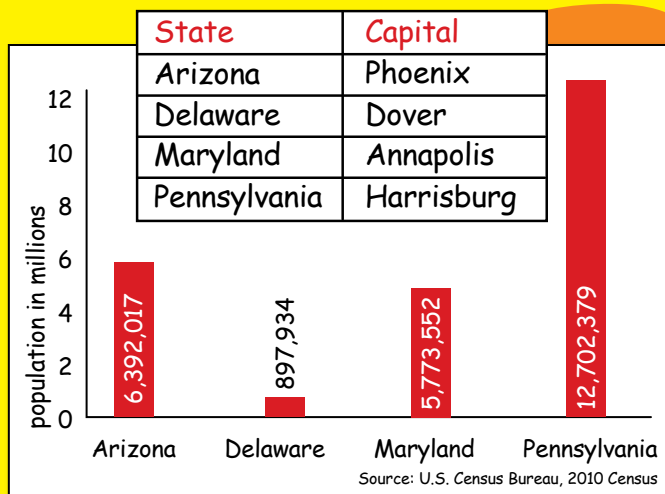


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Informational text shares facts in many ways.
Use the chart and graph to answer the questions
below.



1. What is the capital of Maryland?
2. Harrisburg is the capital of what state?
3. Which state has Phoenix as a capital?
4. How many people lived in Delaware in 2010?
5. Which of these states was home to more than 10 million people in 2010?

Answers: 1. Annapolis, 2. Pennsylvania, 3. Arizona, 4. 897,934, 5. Pennsylvania

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Look at the Web site below. It has examples of many different text features. Which ones can you identify?

1. Caption
2. Sidebar
3. Menu
4. Photograph
5. Heading
6. Map
7. Article Title

Which text features are there to organize the information? Which point out important information?

Which show information in a visual way?

