

# Teaching External and Internal Text Structures

## Why?

- **Structure is the key to comprehension— to comprehend a passage is to create a mental structure. (Calfee)**
- **If students lack background knowledge on a topic, they depend on the structure of the text to aid their comprehension. (Caltaldo and Oakhill)**
- **An understanding of text structure helps students summarize because a summary needs to reflect the structure of the text. (Kissner)**

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