Nonfiction Activity Tip Sheet

# Rationale

To assist students who are still struggling with elements of nonfiction while you challenge those who know the basics, a basic slide show is provided. A guided notes sheet is also provided so that students can write the key concepts and focus on what you are saying. This method is effective because the rigor of nonfiction sometimes has an urgency that make students resistant.

# Materials

Slide presentations

Handouts for notes

Pencils

Handouts for reference section of student notebooks

Graphic Organizers for desired skills (provided or resource you have adapted for your lesson)

Elements of Nonfiction sort

I Have Who Has Game

Scavenger Hunt and/or Text Features Activity Sheet

Short articles, textbooks, reference materials (books and digital)

# Steps

Explain to students that they are going to review/get more knowledge about elements of nonfiction.

Hand out papers for notes.

Select target activities and demonstrate how to complete the assignment for assessment.

Use word sorts, games, and/or posters

Review key factors each time you begin a short article, read newspapers, or examine text. Revisit sorts as needed over a long period of time so that important elements are used frequently enough to remain in long term memory.