

Nonfiction Essential Questions Assessment

1. How can you tell if a book is nonfiction or not?

A nonfiction book has a lot of facts and information.

It also has real pictures (usually).

If it is from the library, it will have numbers on the side.

A nonfiction book will usually have a lot of text features.

2. What does it mean to “read nonfiction differently?”

When I read nonfiction I need to read it like an orange, not like an apple.

Look for titles, subtitles, and bold words **BEFORE** you start reading! Don't just pick it up and start reading.

Pay even **MORE** attention as you read.

Use staccato reading and let your eyes bounce to visuals.

Think of nonfiction features as a **GIFT**, meant to be opened!

3. ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER, please list at **LEAST** ten features that authors give you to help you understand nonfiction text.

Text Features

1. Titles
2. Subtitles
3. Bold words
4. Index
5. Contents
6. Glossary
7. Captions
8. Definitions (Word Bank)
9. Questions
10. Timeline (dates)
11. Graphs
12. Cutaways
13. Maps
14. Answer Keys
15. COPYRIGHT!
16. Legends/Map Keys
17. Diagram
18. Photographs
19. Author
20. Italicized Words
21. Underlined Words
22. Lists of Facts
23. Charts