Be a **Nonfiction** detective

Page through the main text of a nonfiction ebook and look for these text features.

Chapter headings

What is the title of chapter 1? _____

Is the chapter divided by subheadings? If so, what is the first one?

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Photograph with a caption

What did you learn from this photograph and caption? Use your own words to tell it.

_____

Illustration with a caption or label

What does the illustration show? Why do you think it is there?

_____

Diagram

How many things are labeled on the diagram? _____

Does the diagram help you understand things better? Explain your answer.

_____

Map

What does the map show? _____

What does the key or legend tell you about the map? _____

Chart, graph, or table

What data or information does it show? _____

What is the most surprising or interesting thing about the graphic? _____

Sidebar

Look for a sidebar—a text box set off from the main text. What is it about? _____

Why do you think it is set off from the rest of the text? _____

Pull quote

Can you find a quote featured on a page of text? What is it about? _____

Why do you think it is set off from the rest of the text? _____

Vocabulary

Find a vocabulary term that is bold or in color. Look it up in the glossary at the end of the book, and write the definition. _____

Any missing clues? If there is a text feature that your book doesn't contain, create it. Most word processing software, like Microsoft Word, can be used to make tables and charts. You might like to use Beeclip EDU to display your text feature. You can upload images of any kind and add captions, labels, or whatever text additions you want. You can look here for some examples of visual text features.

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