Nonfiction Text Features Chart

Text Feature	Purpose	<u>Example</u>
Title	Identifies the topic of the text/tells what the text will be about	The Skeletal System The skeletal system is made up of all the bones in your body. It is also made of the things that connect your bones together: tendons, ligaments, and cartilage. The skeletal system also includes one set of hard objects that aren't bones: your teeth!
Title Page	Tells a book's title, author, illustrator, and publisher	The Amazing Human Body Author: Drew Science Illustrations: Julie Penn Oppydo C NO - Oddren Balous Paladaisse
Table of Contents	Tells the names of chapters and what page the chapters can be found	Bones Page 3 Muscles Page 17 Skin Page 28 Brain and Nerves Page 42 Major Organs Page 57 Veins and Arteries Page 71
Index	Tells what pages the reader can find certain topics	Belly Button, 28 Abdomen, 24 Blood, 77-80 Ankles, 14 Body Parts, 57-65 Armpits, 15 Bones, 3-16 Arms, 15-16 Brain, 42-50 Arteries, 75-76 Brain Stem, 43 Breathing, 59-60 Bronchi, 61-62 Back, 16 Byproduct, 87
Glossary	Tells the definitions of some of the words found in a text	Shin – the front of the leg bone that runs from the knee to the ankle. Skin – the outer layer of tissue that covers the entire body. Skull – the large structure of bones in the head. Thigh – the part of the leg that runs from the knee to the hip. Tooth – a hard bony object in the jaw; used for chewing.
Heading	Divides the text into sections and explains what the sections will be about	Central Nervous System Brain Your brain controls all functions in the body. This includes things like breating having a heartbeat, moving your arms and legs, etc. The brain controls these functions by sending and receiving messages through the nerves. Spinal Cord The spinal cord is the main pathway that connects the brain with the peripheral nervous system. It is protected by your spinal column, which is a long series of bones called

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Photograph	Shows what something looks like (taken with a camera)	
Illustration	Shows what something looks like (drawn by an artist)	
Caption	Explains what a photograph or illustration is about	This is a side view of a human brain.
Labels	Tells the names of certain parts of a photograph or illustration	Trachea Bronchiole Main Bronchus
Graph	Organizes and helps compare information in a visual way	The human body is made of: 53% WaTer 47% oTher elements
Table	Organizes facts and numbers in a visual way so it is easier to read	How much does your heart beat? Number of beats Amount of Time 90 MINUTE 129,000 DAY 3.8 million MONTH 47.3 million YEAR

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Map	Shows where places/ events are located	% of Americans with Heart Disease 20 – 24 % 25 – 24 % More than 30%
Diagram	Explains information or how something works in a visual way	EYELID IRIS PUPIL RETINA
Bold Print	Shows what words are important or what words can be found in the glossary	The digestive system is made up of organs and glands that help your body process food.
Italics	Shows that a word is important	The average adult breathes more than 600 times <i>each hour</i> . Adults take more than 20,000 breaths <i>each day</i> .
Bullet Points	Makes lists easier to read and understand	Types of blood vessels:
Fact Box/ Side Bar	Gives interesting facts or extra information about a topic	Bones and More Bones The Skeletal System The skeletal system is made up of all the bones in your body. It is also made of the things that connect your bones to each other: fendons, ligaments, and cartilage. The skeletal system also includes one set of hard objects that aren't bones: your feeth! Teeth are actually made of enamel, which is a substance that is even harder than your bones.