# Informational Text Features 

## Objective:

- Identify and use the following text features in order to locate information quickly: captions, bold print, headings, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, \& icons



## Procedure:

1. Preview an informational text. Make a list of the text features and their purposes.
2. Explain to students that as you read you will also be looking at author's craft.
3. Allow students to look closely at the way in which an informational text is organized. Ask them to think about why the author arranged the book in this manner.
4. Choose one page to look at for the purpose of paragraphs in organizing information in a the text. Students will need a copy of that page so that they can note specific topics covered within paragraphs. It is important to pick a page where topical chunks are arranged by paragraph.
5. Students practice writing paragraphs about one of the topics in the informational text (include a strong topic sentence, detailed information, a satisfying conclusion).
