

Writing Standard 2: Writing Purposes and Resulting Genres
Informing Others: Report or Informational Writing
Second - Grade

ELEMENT OF THE STANDARD	MEANING OF THE ELEMENT	WHAT TO TEACH	RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have an obvious organizational structure (often patterned after chapter book headings) 	<p>2nd-grade writer often maintain organization through use of header- a strategy borrowed from chapter books. The writer may choose to organize information by time, topic or a question-answer format. These patterns, borrowed from informational books, help the young writer put the facts they have collected into a meaningful order.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRUCTURES OF NONFICTION TEXTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Question/Answer ▶ Listing ▶ Cause and Effect ▶ Topic/Subtopic ▶ Problem/Solution ▶ Time frames/Events (ex. biography: birth to death) ▶ Chunks of information (categories) with illustrations Nonfiction conventions (table of contents, index, glossary, labels, captions) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate big ideas, insights or theories that have been elaborated on or illustrated through facts, details, quotations, statistics and information 	<p>2nd- grade writers develop their reports through a recital of facts accompanied by details. The facts are very specific and help the reader understand the topic. For example, "Sharks have many rows of teeth."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Interviewing Relevant details Determining importance Specialized Vocabulary 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually include a concluding sentence or section 	<p>At this stage, second graders have a simplistic ending that summarizes and/or concludes the report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarizing conclusion 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use diagrams, charts or illustrations as appropriate to the text 	<p>2nd-graders use diagrams and pictures to enhance the meaning of the text. Their diagrams and illustrations are more detailed than previously because the writer is using them to help the reader understand the topic.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed illustrations Charts 	