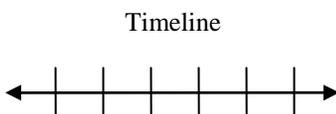
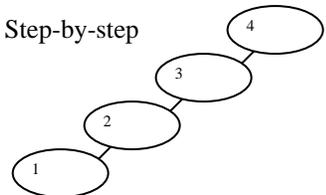
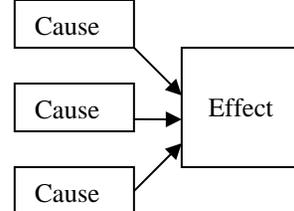
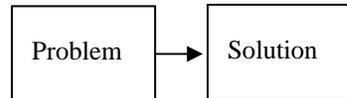
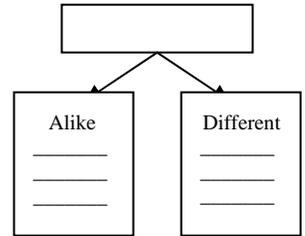


Text Structure Worksheet 9

Directions: Read the passages and determine how each is mainly structured. On a sheet of paper, **put the information from each passage into an appropriate graphic organizer.** The following graphic organizers are examples. Feel free to make changes if necessary.

Chronological	Sequence	Cause and Effect	Problem and Solution	Compare and Contrast
<p>Timeline</p> 	<p>Step-by-step</p> 			

1. Cats in Ancient Egypt

You might think that cats get a ridiculous amount of attention from people today but that's nothing compared to how they were treated in ancient Egypt. Since cats were believed to represent the Egyptian war goddess Bastet, the ancient Egyptians literally worshipped cats. Their admiration was expressed in ways that we might find funny or shocking today. They liked cats so much that killing a cat in ancient Egypt, even on accident, was punishable by death. The Greek historian Herodotus wrote that when a cat passed away, the household would go into mourning as though a member of the family had died. Family members would even shave off their eyebrows to show their loss. Another way in which ancient Egyptians showed love and respect for cats was through mummification. Cats were often mummified after dying, a process normally reserved for kings and nobles. Hundreds of thousands of cat mummies have been found preserved in and around Egypt. So the next time you see someone fawning over a cat video on YouTube, remember that it could be worse.

2. Get a Cat

Have you ever seen a mouse or rat in or around your home? If so, you may have a rodent infestation. Mice and rats are considered pests since they steal food from people. They are hard to get rid of because they move quickly and they hide in walls and other tight places that are difficult for people to reach. These pests make poor houseguests, but you don't have to live with them any longer. You can give them the boot without bringing any poisons in to your home. You can do this by getting a cat: nature's remedy for a rodent problem. Cats have very sharp senses and lightning quick reflexes. They are excellent hunters. It is estimated that cats kill between 10 and 20 billion small mammals annually. Not only will a cat help to solve your issue with rodents, they will also kill any small birds that they can catch. So rather than sharing your home with a greedy mouse or a filthy rat, share it with a cat.

3. Like Dogs and Cats...

There are two types of people in this world: cat people and dog people. Which type are you? Well, if you like a pet that is low maintenance, you might be a cat person. Cats are easier to take care of than dogs because cats are very independent. Since they use litter boxes, they do not have to be taken outside to go potty like dogs. Also, cats clean themselves while dogs need occasional baths. If you prefer a pet that requires more attention, you may be a dog person. Most dogs are very loyal and obedient. You can play games like fetch or tug of war with a dog. Dogs will also alert you when someone is outside of your home, whereas cats will usually just stay quiet. Both cats and dogs like to be petted, and they both make excellent pets, but it takes a certain kind of person to own them. Which kind of person are you?

4. Dangerous Predators

Cats may seem like cute and cuddly companions, but to birds and other small mammals, cats are highly lethal killing machines. Even well fed cats may hunt and kill many small animals such as birds, mice, and reptiles. Small animals are most at risk when cats are introduced to areas that have not hosted them before. Since they are not used to living with the threatening cats, these small animals are naïve and vulnerable. If they do not have the defenses to survive, cats will hunt these animals until they are wiped out completely. Cats have played a leading role in the extinction of many small animals, including the Hawaiian Rail and at least 22 other species of bird. While other things may have led to the destruction of these species, cat attacks were a main factor.

5. Herding Cats

Cats are known for their independence. They may be difficult to train, but that doesn't mean that you can't teach an old cat new tricks. It's time to learn how to teach your cat to fetch. First, find a toy or object that your cat likes. It is much easier to keep your cat's attention if you use something in which he or she is already interested. Next, throw the toy a short distance. If your cat chases the toy, you are off to a good start. Wait until the cat returns the toy and reward the cat with a treat when he or she does. Continue doing this for as long as your cat shows interest in the toy: toss it, wait for the cat to return it, and then reward the cat. As your cat gets better at this trick, slowly increase how far you throw the toy. It may take some time, but with a little dedication and a lot of patience you can teach your cat a cool trick that he or she will do whenever he or she feels like it.

6. Declawing

Cats can be great pets but they're not perfect. Some cats destroy household items with their claws. Or they may use their claws to scratch people's faces if they feel threatened. Small children are the ones most often attacked by cats. These attacks can leave lasting scars. Don't worry though: you don't have to get rid of your cat just because she can't keep her claws to herself. You can get your cat an onychectomy. An *onychectomy* is when a cat's claws are surgically removed. This is commonly called *declawing* the cat. If you get your cat declawed, he or she will still continue to swipe its paws at people and things, but the attacks will be harmless. Some people worry that declawed cats are vulnerable against attacks by raccoons and other animals that the cats might encounter outdoors. People with these concerns should only have their cat's front claws removed, which leaves the cat with a defense if he or she is seriously attacked but also protects people and household items.