

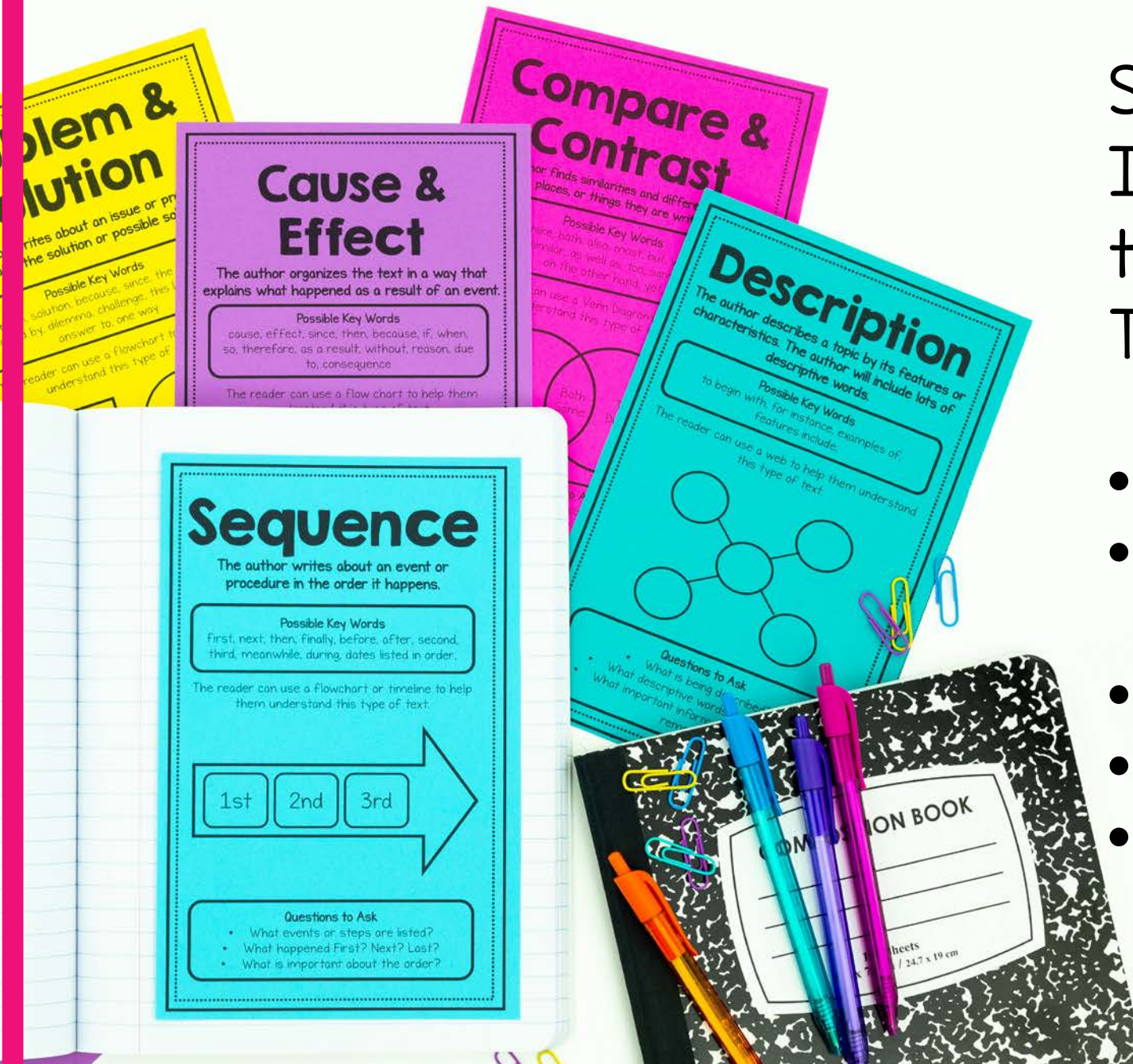
# NONFICTION TEXT STRUCTURE ANCHOR CHARTS



# 5 Anchor Charts

Supports  
Instruction for  
the following 5  
Text Structures:

- Cause & Effect
- Compare & Contrast
- Description
- Sequence
- Problem & Solution



# Includes 2 Size Options:



## Full Size:

Works great for whole group instruction or to display on a bulletin board.

## Half Size:

Perfect for students' reading notebooks & journals.

# Includes a Digital Version

This resource also includes a digital version that is compatible with Google Slides.

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The reader can use a Venn Diagram to help them understand this type of text.

**Questions to Ask**

- What is being compared?
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The Venn diagram consists of two overlapping circles. The left circle is labeled 'Topic 1 Different', the right circle is labeled 'Topic 2 Different', and the overlapping area in the center is labeled 'Both Same'.

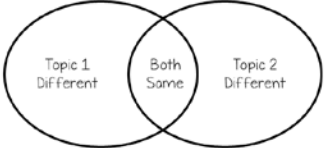
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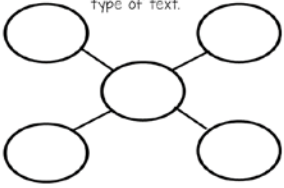
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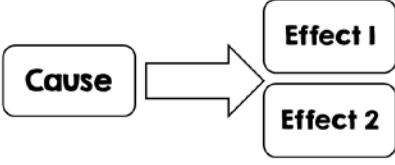
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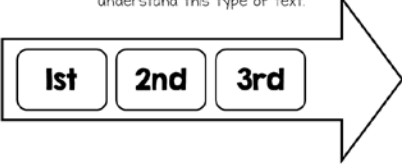
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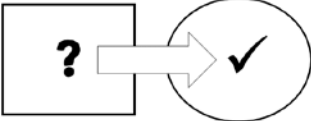
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