Text Features Self-Reflection

You have completed several different activities to enhance your knowledge of text features (what they are, why they are used, how they improve your understanding of a text). Understanding and using text features is ESSENTIAL to helping you read and understand informational text.

1. **Identifying Text Features**: Look through your notes. In the space below, mark any text features that you cannot recognize when reading a magazine, newspaper, or textbook.

   - [ ] heading
   - [ ] subheading
   - [ ] white space
   - [ ] bulleted list
   - [ ] numbered list
   - [ ] sidebar
   - [ ] graphics
   - [ ] caption
   - [ ] font changes
   - [ ] column

2. **Understanding the Purpose of Text Features**: Look through your notes. Are there any text features whose purpose you do not understand? Meaning— if you were asked on a quiz “How does this text feature improve your understanding of a text?” could you answer it? If not, mark the text feature in the space below.

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3. **Goal Setting**: If you still need some extra practice, don’t worry! Your teacher will provide you with additional practice in class for analyzing an author’s use of text features in articles. However, you also must think about what you can do to improve your understanding of text features. In the space below list 2-3 things you can do in class AND at home to improve your understanding of text features. Beside each one, identify whether this is something you will do at home or in class.

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   2.  
   3.  

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