

# Problem-Solution Text Structure Resources

Our Problem-Solution Text Structure Map is a graphic organizer that students can use to think through and organize important features from texts that have a problem-solution structure. This resource is featured in our [“Example Scripted Think Aloud for Text Structure Mapping Instruction.”](#) This document also includes a rubric that educators can use to evaluate students’ ability to independently fill out the graphic organizer.

## Additional Resource

For more on text structure mapping, read the Iowa Reading Research Center blog post [“Text Structure Mapping: A Strategy to Improve Reading Comprehension of Informational Texts”](#) by Dr. Leah Zimmermann, Dr. Deborah K. Reed, and Dr. Anna Gibbs.

# Problem-Solution Text Structure Map

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a graphic organizer to help you display and organize important features from a text that is about a problem and solution. A writer uses a **problem-solution** text structure when writing this type of piece.

Fill out each section using information from the text to map the important elements.

<p><b>Problem:</b></p> <p><i>Be brief and use your own words!</i></p>	<p><b>Significance of the problem:</b></p> <p><i>Why is the problem important? How is it causing harm? In other words, why do we care about the problem?</i></p>
<p><b>Solution(s) for problem:</b></p> <p><i>How can this problem be fixed or helped?</i></p> <p>1.</p>          <p>2.</p>	<p><b>Rationale for solutions:</b></p> <p><i>How does the solution work? Why will it be effective?</i></p> <p>1.</p>          <p>2.</p>

# Problem-Solution Text Structure Map Rubric

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Descriptors	Score				
	0	1	2	3	4
	Does not accurately identify a problem or solution presented in the text.	<p>Accurately identifies either the problem around which the text is organized or the solutions presented to address the problem.</p> <p>Explanations of the significance of the problem and rationale for solutions are missing <b>or</b> present but completely inaccurate.</p>	<p>Accurately identifies the problem around which the text is organized and identifies the solutions presented to address the problem.</p> <p>Explanations of the significance of the problem <b>and</b> rationale for solutions are present but incomplete or slightly inaccurate.</p>	<p>Accurately identifies the problem around which the text is organized and identifies all solutions presented to address the problem.</p> <p>Explanation of the significance of the problem is present but incomplete or slightly inaccurate <b>or explanation of the rationale for solutions is present but incomplete or slightly inaccurate.</b></p>	<p>Accurately identifies the problem around which the text is organized and accurately explains its significance.</p> <p>Correctly identifies all solutions presented to address the problem and accurately explains the rationale for each.</p>
<p><b>Score:</b></p> <p><b>Feedback:</b></p>					