

Expository Elements

Foundations of Early Literacy
David Matteson

- A focused topic
- Titles that are usually simple and selfexplanatory
- A table of contents
- Pictures of diagrams that contain supportive information about the topic
- Key words and vocabulary that are repeated often
- Text that describes or explains the topic
- Simple beginnings and/or endings that sum up the “flavor” of the text

Adapted from
Assessing and Teaching Beginning Reads: A Picture is Worth a 1000 Words

Narrative Elements

Foundations of Early Literacy
David Matteson

- Theme
- Significant Event/Problem/Tension
- Beginning/Middle/End
- Characters
- Setting
- Plot
- Includes Description
- Includes Dialogue
- Relies on Sensory Detail

Adapted from
Text, Forms, and Features: A Resource for Intentional Teaching
By Margaret Mooney