Text Structure Graphs*

1. **List**: Disconnected details of description.

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2. **Topical Net**: topics are only connected loosely to the main topic

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3. **Matrix** (compares and contrasts)

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4. **Linear String**: Events must occur in order or they do not make sense.

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Main Idea or Initial Event
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5. **Falling Dominoes**: Cause and Effect or a Precipitating Event and chains of reaction.

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6. **Argument**: Details Prove Author’s Claim. (Not necessarily persuasion)

   [Diagram of Main Idea and Supporting Details]

7. **Hierarchy**: Each sub-category under the main topic is equal but subordinate to and subsumed by the level above it. There needs to be more than two levels.

   [Diagram of Hierarchy]

8. **Branching Tree**: Two or more sequences occurring from one event

   [Diagram of Branching Tree]

* Any structural pattern can be global (the overall structure of a text) or a local sub-structure (an internal rhetorical pattern within the global structure).