## **Graphic Organizers**

 A visual diagram that is drawn by the reader in order to help focus on important concepts in the text.

## **Use Graphic Organizers to:**

- Help you remember what you have read.
- Focus on important concepts in the text.
- Make connections between important ideas.
- Identify structures and patterns that occur in the text.
- Prepare complete summaries of what you have read.
- Increase your comprehension.
- Have more fun while reading.

## The Different Types of Graphic Organizers

Sequence	Cause/Effect
$(First \rightarrow Next \rightarrow Then)$	$(Cause \rightarrow Event \rightarrow Effect)$
Description  Characteristic→ ← Characteristic  Topic  Characteristic→ ← Characteristic	Cause/Effect Chain (Cause → Cause → Cause → Effect)
Compare/Contrast	Problem/Solution
(Different → Alike ← Different)	(Problem → Evidence → Solution → Result

Please read through the five different types of Graphic Organizers. Pay close attention to the examples given for each type of organizer. Try to think about real-life examples for each type of organizer. To learn more about the specifics associated with each of the graphic organizer examples, watch the related videos and complete the corresponding missions Please list the five different types of Graphic Organizers. Give at least one example for each type of organizer. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Challenge yourself by providing a real-life example for each type of Graphic Organizer. For example Cause-Effect Graphic Organizer

Go to class  $\rightarrow$  Earn an A in class  $\rightarrow$  (Parents happy)

(Effect)

(Event)

• Cause-Event-Effect

(Cause) →

Example:

## **Final Mission Questions**

- 1. How will constructing a graphic organizer help you determine the author's main points?
- 2. How can you use the information about text structure to improve your writing?
- 3. How will preparing a graphic organizer prior to writing help you express your ideas in a more focused way?