**Narrative Nonfiction:**

A. **Biography**
   1. Purpose to tell factual information about all or part of a person’s life written in third person
      a. **Authentic Biography:** Based on research and documented, with no imagined details added
      b. **Fictionalized Biography:** Based on research and documented, but with some details imagined for interest (such as dialogue)

D. **Autobiography/Memoir**
   1. **Autobiography:** Purpose to tell factual information about all or part of a person’s life as told by the person—written in first person
   2. **Memoir:** Purpose to tell factual information about a significant time, place, person, or event in the author’s life and explain the significance—written in first person

**B. Journal/Diary/Log**

C. **Nonfiction Narratives**
   1. Purpose to tell factual information about a particular topic in a narrative/story style by using chronological structure.

**II. Expository Nonfiction:** uses clear (non-narrative) organizational structure with a major topic and supporting information

A. **Informational Texts**
   1. Purpose to convey information about the natural or social world
   2. Examples: Reference Books, Science and Social Studies Textbooks, Magazine Article, Brochures, CD-ROMS, and the Internet

B. **Procedural or How-To Texts** (VDOE also refers to as functional text depending on format)
   1. Purpose to tell someone how to do something
   2. Directions, Recipes, Instruction Manuals

C. **Persuasive Texts**
   1. Purpose to convince the reader of the validity of a set of ideas—usually a particular point of view/viewpoint
   2. Essays, Articles, Books

**III. Functional Nonfiction** (frequently includes graphic aids -- see *Informational Text Features Chart* for a list of aids.)

A. **Applications**
B. **Menus**
C. **Signage and Maps**
D. **Flyers for Events**