

## Reading-Writing-Thinking-Sharing-

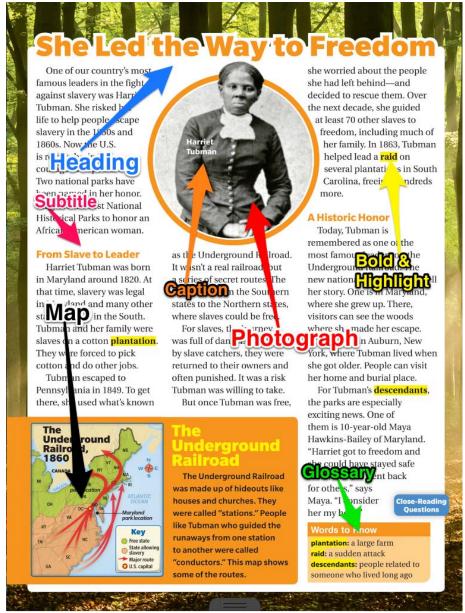
## **Text Features in Non-fiction**

\*\*\*When learning about a new or difficult concept, the use of **text features** can be very helpful. Think about them whenever your goal is to simplify an idea or large amount of information for your audience.

Text features are to non-fiction what story elements are to fiction. Text features help the reader make sense of what they are reading and are the building blocks for text structure. Text features go hand-in-hand with comprehension. Without them, comprehension could be very difficult.

For example, if the author wants a reader to understand where a country is in the world, then providing a map helps the reader visualize and understand the importance of that country's location. If the anatomy of an animal is vitally important to understanding a text, a detailed photograph with labels gives the reader the support he needs to comprehend the text.

Shown below is a page where many text features are being used to help the reader:



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