

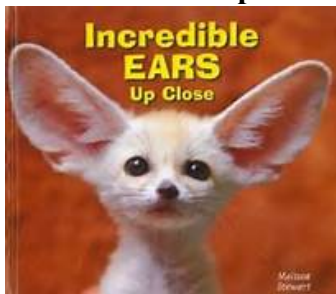
Nonfiction Text Feature Posters

Invite K-2 students to use a wide range of nonfiction as mentor texts to create Text Feature Posters that showcase such visual text features as artwork with captions, diagrams with descriptive labels, and infographics. This will help children see that (1) in a nonfiction book, everything in the words *and* pictures has to be 100 percent true and (2) nonfiction authors spend a great deal of time developing visual text features that explain information clearly.

After reading students a selection of the age-appropriate books below, give each child an 11- × 17-inch piece of paper and art supplies. Invite the students to use words and pictures to create text feature posters about a topic you are currently studying or a topic of their choice using the text features in one of the books you shared as a mentor text.

When the class seems ready, invite a few student volunteers to share their posters with the rest of the class.

Animal Bodies Up Close series



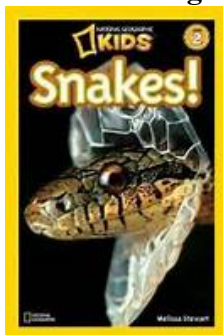
Amazing Eyes Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)
Fantastic Feet Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)
Nifty Noses Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)
Incredible Ears Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)
Talented Tails Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)
Terrific Tongues Up Close by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2012)

Let's Read and Find Our series



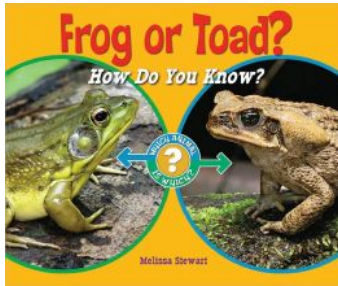
Hurricane Watch by Melissa Stewart (HarperCollins, 2015)

National Geographic Readers series



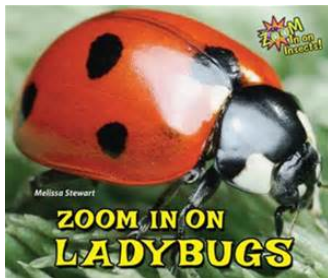
Ants by Melissa Stewart (National Geographic, 2009)
Deadly Predators by Melissa Stewart (National Geographic, 2013)
Snakes by Melissa Stewart (National Geographic, 2009)

Which Animal Is Which series



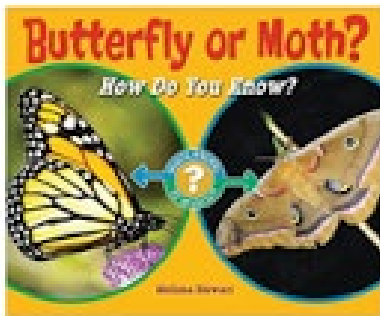
- Alligator or Crocodile?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)
- Butterfly or Moth?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)
- Insect or Spider?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)
- Frog or Toad?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)
- Shark or Dolphin?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)
- Salamander or Lizard?* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2011)

Zoom in on Insects series



- Zoom in on Bees* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)
- Zoom in on Butterflies* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)
- Zoom in on Dragonflies* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)
- Zoom in on Fireflies* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)
- Zoom in on Grasshoppers* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)
- Zoom in on Ladybugs* by Melissa Stewart (Enslow, 2014)

Here are some great examples created by K students in Mrs. Teany's class at Memorial Elementary School in Medfield, MA.



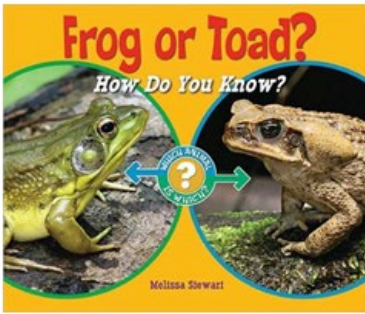
A caption and labels highlighting a butterfly's body parts.



Labels on a dramatic drawing of a hurricane.



A “zoom bubble” showing a close-up view of a dragonfly’s head next to a complete body image with very colorful wings.



Comparing a frog and toad, highlighting that frogs have teeth but toads don't. (top) Fact boxes with information about two frogs, one is poisonous and one isn't. (bottom)

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