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Discussion Text Features Key



Text Title: _____

Here are the features of a discussion text. Use your coloured pens, pencils or highlighters to identify parts of your text which show each feature. For example, you could colour the 'present tense verbs' box in red, then use the same colour to underline examples of the present tense in your text.

	Topic title covers the whole subject. Often a question to be debated.		Writer doesn't take sides - third person makes it impersonal.
	Introduction paragraph gives brief idea of both sides of the argument.		Conditional phrases used (e.g. "could" or "may be").
	Each point is supported by extra details or elaboration .		Balanced between both sides.
	Points for and against are given.		Logical conjunctions link causes and effects.
	May be organised as a series of 'point-elaboration' or 'for' ideas then 'against' ideas.		Formal tone .
	Abstract nouns (e.g. truth, fairness, belief) may be used.		Present tense is used (unless discussing a historical situation).