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Homework

Journey to Meaning

Shape of Story

Road to Knowledge

Power to Persuade

Lesson Set: **What's the Big Idea? Using Text Features to Locate Key Information**

LitLoop Components:

Reading

Writing

Speaking

Listening

Note to Parents:

Text features help readers understand the concepts in texts. All different types of texts have different text features. Text features can be especially important in informational texts that share true facts and details about a topic. It is important for your child to recognize and read these text features. Pictures, photographs, and charts help readers process the information they read. As your child reads informational text, he or she will come across labels, captions, graphs, charts, photographs, and more that explain the text's subject in a more detailed manner. It is important that your child become familiar with these types of text features and use them to support his or her reading comprehension.

Assignment: Learning from Pictures

With the help of a parent or a family member, choose an informational text that looks interesting. You might choose a nonfiction book, a magazine article, or even a website that teaches you about something.

Read the book you selected. Pay special attention to the illustrations, photographs, labels, captions, graphs, and/or any other text features. What do these features show about the subject? How can you use these images to help you understand? Have a conversation discussing how these graphics helped you understand the book. Please write the title and author of the book below.

Title of book:

Author:

