DESCRIPTION

1. Determine the text structure by looking for signaling/linking words.

2. Write a main idea:
   ______ (topic) has/have ______ (1, 2, 3, or more) important characteristic(s). The first is ______; the second is ______; the third is ______.

3. Write a recall:
   The first thing we know is ______ (describe the first attribute/information about a topic). The second thing we know is that ______ (describe the second attribute of a topic). The third thing is ______ (describe the third is) ______.

4. Review and add any missing details.

SIGNALING/LINKING WORDS

attributes of, characteristics are, for example, for instance, in describing, marks of, namely, properties of, qualities are, specifically, such as, that is, this particular, which was, ...plus others you can find.

Other signals include words that would help you to picture a scene. For example, the author might use colors.