Description
Ask yourself: What specific person, place, thing, or idea is being described? Look for a topic word or phrase.

Cause and Effect
Ask yourself: What are the results, outcomes, consequences, or the effects of an action or non-action.

The pattern is often 'Because x happened or didn’t happen, the effect is y'.

Sequence
Ask yourself: Is this event taking place over time? Look for steps or references to time such as dates.

Compare and Contrast
Ask yourself: What is being compared? How are they the same? How are they different?

Problem and Solution
Ask yourself: What is the problem and what is the solution? Look for the problem first and then the solution.

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