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Reading: The Life and Times of the Ant pp. 762-775 Date: _____

GENRE: Informational Nonfiction- is a detailed composition that sets out to explain something by presenting facts about it.

Fables- are stories that have animal characters that talk and act as people do. A moral, or lesson, usually appears at the end of a fable.

Vocabulary:

1. **larva**- a newly hatched, sometimes wormlike insect
2. **pupa**- an insect that is changing from a larva to an adult
3. **mandibles**- lower jaws
4. **foragers**- those who search for food
5. **solitary**- alone
6. **overcome**- to get the better of; to beat
7. **communication**- sharing of feelings, thoughts, or information
8. **nutrients**- things needed by people, animals, or plants to live and grow
9. **territory**- any large area of land; region
10. **investigates**- looks into carefully to find facts and get information
11. **astronomer**- a person who studies the Sun, stars, and planets
12. **prehistoric**- belonging to a time before people started writing history

READING NOTES:

Word Parts: Greek Roots can help you figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

astron= star

astronomer= one who studies the stars

Comprehension: Description- authors may structure the information they present in a variety of ways. A paragraph may define or classify. It may list examples using words such as *for example, such as, is like, include, or which shows*. It may also describe the characteristics of the subject.

A text structure that uses **description** to present information is almost always found in nonfiction. When using description, an author includes many details to explain how people experience something through their five senses or how something works. Description helps the reader understand a topic that has many variations or parts.

As they read, students should look for details that are organized into sections or groupings. When an author breaks complicated information down into smaller parts, the reader is better able to understand and remember the topic.

Comprehension: Summarize

A summary is a brief description of a selection that includes the main topic and supporting details.

Important information consists of essential points that support the main idea of a story or article.

Unimportant information includes minor details that make the text more enjoyable to read but are not essential to a summary.

It is written in the writer's own words and paraphrases key ideas, concepts, events, or facts.

It helps to clarify the important information in a longer article.

Fables: Literary Elements

Characters in a fable are often animals that have human traits and feelings. They usually teach a lesson through their words and actions.

The **Moral** of a fable is the lesson it teaches, which the reader can apply to his or her own personal experiences.