

UNDERSTANDING AN AUTHOR'S TECHNIQUES

Identifying the Parts of a Story

KEY STANDARD
RI.6-8.5

Authors use various elements—such as anecdotes, graphics, and statistics—to engage readers and aid comprehension. Read “Undocumented & Afraid.” Then select one anecdote, one graphic or photo, and one statistic from the article and use them to complete these charts.

Anecdote	
Describe the anecdote.	
Make an inference from this anecdote.	
Does this anecdote make the article more interesting and contribute to the overall development of ideas? Explain.	

Graphic or Photo	
Describe the graphic or photo.	
Make an inference from this graphic or photo.	
How does this graphic or photo contribute to the article?	

Statistic	
Describe the statistic.	
Make an inference from this statistic.	
Why do you think the author included this statistic?	