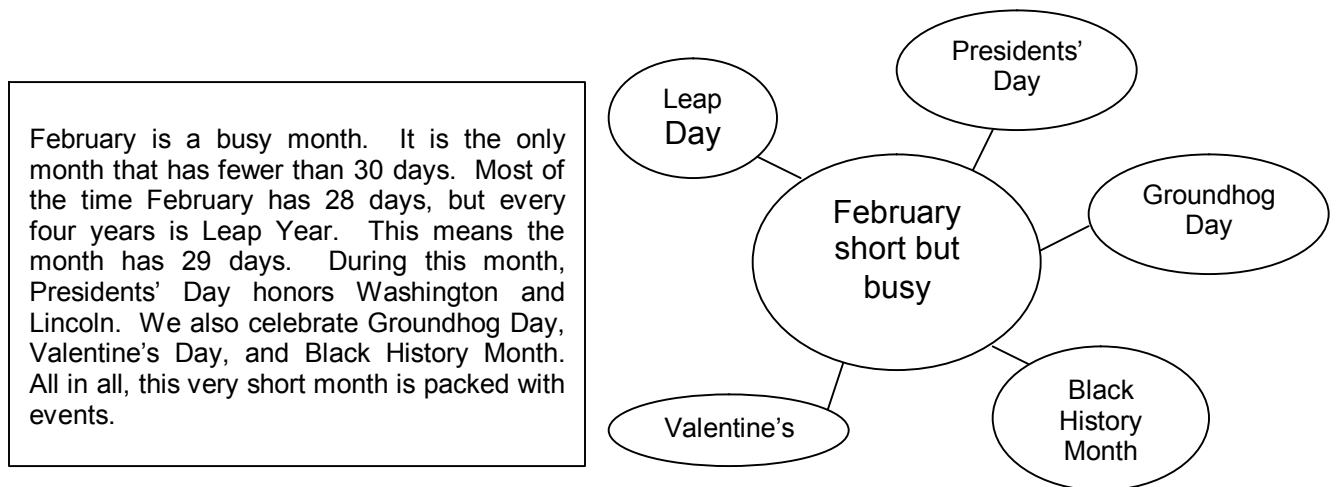




**What characteristics distinguish each pattern of text organization?**

**Descriptive**

The descriptive pattern is one of the most difficult for students to recognize because it is often imbedded in other structures or occurs in short segments. Writing with descriptive text structure appears to be easier for students than identifying it. The descriptive text structure presents a specific topic and addresses its attributes. It has no specific signal words. The author is trying to tell the reader why something is. A circle or concept map is the most useful graphic organizer.



Often times the descriptive text structure is not in isolation. Sometimes it is a paragraph to help move the passage along.

Songs and nursery rhymes teach text structure using rhythm. This reinforces the organization concepts with familiar and smaller units of writing. Twinkle, Twinkle, The Wheels on the Bus and Home on the Range are appropriate for description text structure.