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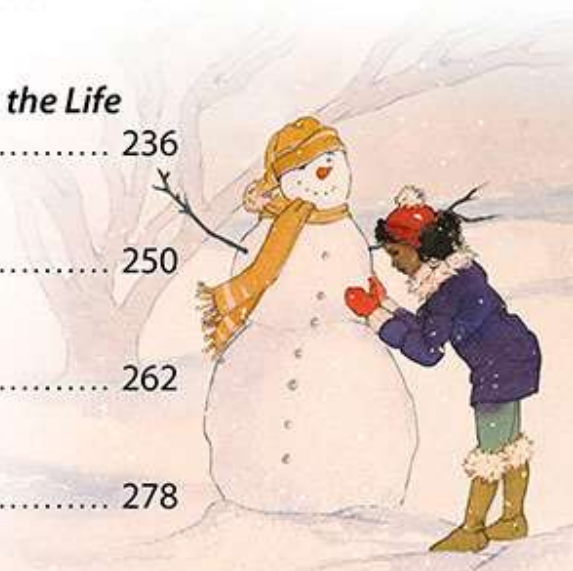
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BEFORE READING



Big Idea

An article often includes features to help the reader understand the information.

Informational Text Features

Section title: breaks up information and helps the reader find the main idea

Caption: helps explain a photograph

Sidebar: gives additional information that helps the reader understand the main text of the article

Diagram: a labeled drawing that helps the reader understand how something looks or how it works



Genre Informational text

Informational text is nonfiction and provides facts about a subject. An informational article may be divided into sections with a stated main idea in each section.





CORRIE TEN BOOM

Friend of the Jews

Michele Layson

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In the Hiding Place

The Ten Boom house was quiet. Outside in the darkened street all activity had ended for the night. Soldiers on patrol moved like shadows near doorways and street corners.

In an upstairs bedroom, six people stood shoulder to shoulder in a cramped space behind the wall. Their hearts pounded while they spoke in whispers. “Do you think the Gestapo will come back and find us? Do they know we’re still here?”

“I am not sure. Even the walls have eyes in Haarlem.”

“What if they have heard about this hiding place?”



Haarlem, the Netherlands