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   - How is it organized?
   - How are the chapters divided?
   - What comes first? What comes after? What comes at the end?
   - Does it follow a timeline? Does it follow a logical sequence? Does it indicate a problem-resolution-solution? Is it a simple list of items? Is it a comparison of two objects? Is there a cause and effect relationship? Does it describe something with many details?
   - What sort of language and vocabulary do you see?
   - What kind of topic sentences do you see?
   - What signal words do you see?
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