

Nonfiction Text Features in
*Samuel Wilbert Tucker: The Story of a Civil Rights Trailblazer and the 1939
Alexandria Library Sit-In*

Before Reading

Before we begin reading our text, we will preview it to determine the main idea of the text.

1. Study the cover and title.

a. Describe the picture. Why do you think the author used this portrait of Samuel Tucker?

b. What are civil rights?

c. What is a trailblazer?

d. Why do people have sit-ins?

2. Turn to the first page of the book. Describe the photograph.

3. On page 9, what is the purpose of the text feature used?

b. Study the titles on this page, what can you predict this nonfiction text will be about?

4. On page 108, what is the purpose of the text feature used?

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