**Non-fiction Reading Tools**

When reading any non-fiction text, you learn information. Science and social studies articles are one kind of non-fiction. They give you information about a topic like penguins or great explorers. Non-fiction texts have special features that help inform the reader.

* Read the **title**. It tells you the big topic, or what the article is about.
* Read the **introduction** and the **headings**. They are clues about the main ideas in the article.
* As you read the article, try to remember the words in **boldfaced type**. They are important vocabulary words.
* A **pronunciation** after a word tells you how to say the word.
* Read the text **in order**.
* Study any **photographs** or **diagrams**. They give you more information.
* Read the **captions**. They also give important information.