Nonfiction Read Alouds

The books mentioned in this bibliography are just a sampling of nonfiction books that work well as read alouds. In addition to the teaching features listed, many of the books can be used to teach voice, word choice, organization and sentence fluency in nonfiction.

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<td>Brenner, Barbara</td>
<td>1997</td>
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<td>ants</td>
<td>cross-sections; cutaways; labels; illustration guide; poetic text</td>
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<td>Collard, Sneed B., 111</td>
<td>1997</td>
<td>Animal Dads</td>
<td>Houghton Mifflin Co.</td>
<td>the roles of animal fathers</td>
<td>simple main text with much information in caption format; cross-section</td>
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<td>Ehlert, Lois</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Waiting For Wings</td>
<td>Harcourt, Inc.</td>
<td>the life cycle of a butterfly</td>
<td>page size increases as the butterfly develops; identification charts; diagrams; labels; poetic text; supplemental information pages</td>
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<td>Fanelli, Sara</td>
<td>1995</td>
<td>My Map Book</td>
<td>HarperCollins Publishers, Inc.</td>
<td>a collection of original maps created by a seven-year old girl</td>
<td>maps; diagrams; headings; labels; bird's eye view; flow charts; compass rose; timeline</td>
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<td>Gibbons, Gail</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>Rabbits, Rabbits &amp; More Rabbits</td>
<td>Holiday House</td>
<td>different kinds of rabbits, their physical characteristics, habitats, behavior and how to care for them</td>
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<td>Jenkins, Martin</td>
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<td>The Emperor's Egg</td>
<td>Candlewick Press.</td>
<td>a father emperor penguin cares for his egg</td>
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Topic: animals that fly and how wings work
Teaching Features: captions; italics; size and shape comparisons; diagrams; sequenced diagrams; labels; supplemental information pages; bibliography

Topic: descriptions of some of the most remarkable places on earth
Teaching Features: bold print; maps; map enlargements; size comparison charts; captions; graphs; supplemental map with key; bibliography

Topic: descriptions of the work of a variety of animals
Teaching Features: table of contents; introduction; headings; diagrams; labels; fact boxes; bullets; cross-sections; flow charts; experiments; index

Topic: caves
Teaching Features: table of contents; headings; subheadings; pronunciation guides; captions; maps; labels; photographs; diagrams; cross-sections; italics; labeled picture with corresponding key; supplemental information page; table; glossary; index

Topic: the life of the willow ptarmigan and other animals in the arctic circle
Teaching Features: small picture boxes with captions; italics; map; poetic text; supplemental information pages

Topic: an interpretation of Longfellow’s famous poem that creates a portrait of Paul Revere
Teaching Features: recreations of historical documents; maps; bibliography
Topic: the life of Wilson Bentley, a snowflake authority and photographer
Teaching Features: biographical organization; sidebars; use of story; supplemental page with photographs and quotation

Topic: Volcanoes
Teaching Features: table of contents; headings; captions; diagrams; labels; photographs; fact boxes; cross-sections; experiments; bullets; bold print; maps; table; glossary; index; some newspaper format

Topic: the ancient giant shark, megalodon
Teaching Features: size comparisons; diagrams; labels; captions; colored print; timeline; supplemental information page

Topic: frogs and pond ecology
Teaching Features: diagrams; labels; bold print; captions; headings; lists; bullets; map; timelines; fact boxes; table; newspaper clipping; glossary; journal format
*See also*: *It’s an Ant’s Life: My Story of Life in the Nest*. 1999.

Topic: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Teaching Features: biographical organization; direct quotations; different font size and color; list of important dates; links to books and web sites

Topic: the American flag
Teaching Features: fact boxes; poetic text
Topic: the United States of America
Teaching Features: alphabetical organization; poetic text; sidebars; maps

Topic: dangerous and unsightly animals
Teaching Features: table of contents; headings; colored print; photographs; writing prompt at the end

Topic: interesting facts about past presidents of the United States
Teaching Features: humor; illustration guide; supplemental information pages; bibliography

Topic: the properties of water
Teaching Features: photographs; magnifications; photo sequences; headings; experiments; labels; italics; size comparisons; supplemental information pages; quotation