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Same Subject, Different Style

Directions: Read the three short passages about **volcanoes**. Each one uses a different text structure. Then answer the questions that follow.

Passage A

Volcanoes erupt because pressure builds deep inside the Earth. As a result, molten rock pushes upward, releasing ash and lava onto the surface.

Passage B

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried Pompeii in ash. First, dark smoke filled the sky. Next, ash rained down on homes. Finally, the entire city was covered.

Passage C

A volcano is a mountain with an opening that leads to hot molten rock underground. The crater, steep slopes, and streams of lava are all features that describe this natural wonder.

Questions

1. Which text structure does Passage A use? Explain how you know.

2. Which text structure does Passage B use? What signal words helped you?

3. Which text structure does Passage C use? Give one detail that proves it.

4. Why might an author choose **Cause/Effect** instead of **Chronological** when writing about volcanoes?

5. Write your own short paragraph about volcanoes using **Compare/Contrast** or **Problem/Solution**. Label the structure you used.
