

**Let's Practice
TEXT STRUCTURES****PROBLEM & SOLUTION****NAPOLEON'S CONTEST**

Napoleon Bonaparte is known as one of the greatest military minds of all time. Under Napoleon's leadership, the French Grande Armée conquered most of Europe in the early 19th Century. His Grande Armée of 400,000 men was thought to be unbeatable. However, his army faced an enemy Napoleon did not know how to defeat. That enemy wasn't another army; it was hunger.



Napoleon once said, "An army moves on its stomach." In other words, in order to win battles, soldiers have to be fed. As Napoleon's army moved further and further from home, it became challenging to supply them with food from so far away. Fresh food could not be transported because it spoils after just a few days. Keeping food cold with ice helped to preserve the food, but ice was not easy to find or store. Salting food was another method of preservation, but it could make food taste unappetizing, and could only be done with meat.

Most of the time, soldiers had to try to find food to eat in the countryside surrounding them. Many times, the local people did not raise enough food to feed a huge army. Also, when an opposing army was facing defeat or losing the battle, they'd burn their farms and destroy their supplies so Napoleon's army couldn't benefit from them.

To solve his food supply dilemma, Napoleon decided to start a contest. He offered 12,000 francs to anyone who could provide a way to keep soldiers fed while they were on the move.

Even before the reward was offered, French chef Nicholas Appert had been working on a new method of food preservation. Appert placed food in a sealed jar and then heated the jar in boiling water for several hours. The combination of airtight containers and heat kept the food from spoiling. The food was still safe to eat several weeks later...and it tasted good, too! Appert submitted his food preservation method to Napoleon's contest.

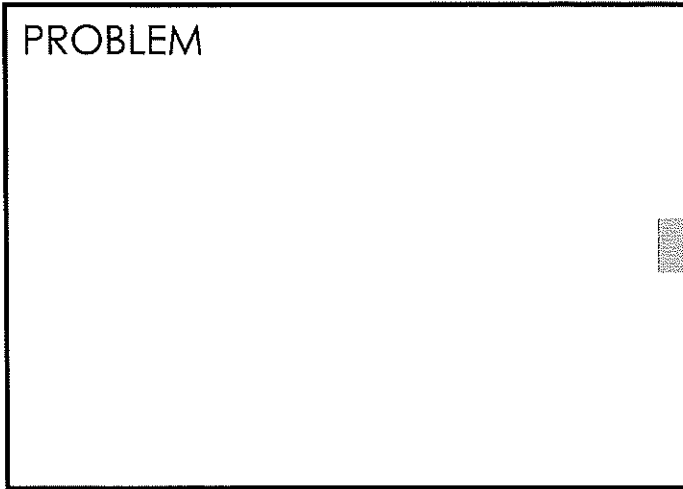
The French government declared Nicholas Appert the winner! They awarded him the 12,000 francs. He used the prize money to build the world's first canning factory. The same process that Appert developed (heating food in sealed containers) is still used to can food today.

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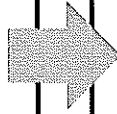
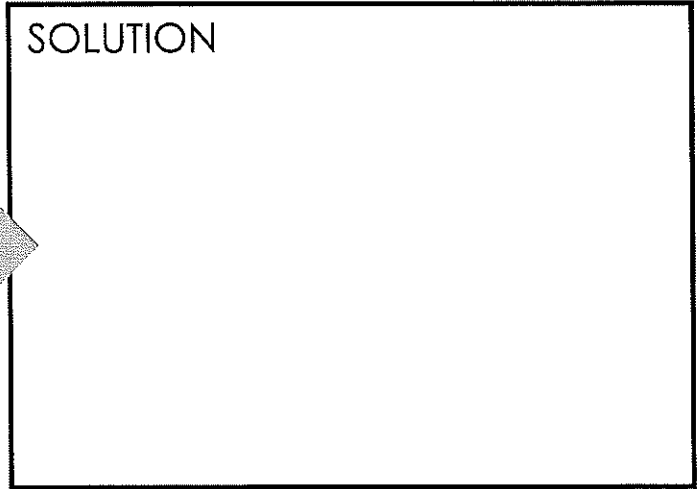
TEXT STRUCTURE → Problem & Solution

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage "Napoleon's Contest" and fill in the organizer below.

PROBLEM




SOLUTION



Explain how this solution solved the problem?

List key words and phrases from the passage that show the text structure is problem and solution.



What was the author's main purpose for writing this passage?
