Choosing Vocabulary – Teach, Tell, or Text?

Review the text you plan to use in your lesson. Write down all the Tier Two words you come across that you have not discussed or seen in previous texts. Include the page number or paragraph number for reference. Decide whether this is a word you should teach, tell, or let the text supply the definition. Check the appropriate box.

Teach:

- ✓ Students will encounter this word across disciplines.
- ✓ The word will support students in their writing.

Tell:

- ✓ The word can be explained quickly when encountered.
- ✓ It is a concrete word.

Text:

- ✓ Students can use the context to determine the meaning.

Word	Location	Teach	Tell	Text