Primary Source Structure Analysis

Today's Standard

11-12.RH.5 - Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured, including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole.

Cues	Notes
What is a primary source?	A primary source is an original document or firsthand account.
Why is text structure important?	Text structure helps convey the main ideas and purpose of the document.
How do key sentences contribute to a text?	Key sentences often carry the main argument or purpose of the text.
What are common misconceptions about primary sources?	Misconceptions include thinking all sentences are equally important and that structure is random.
How can we analyze the structure of a primary source?	Analyzing structure involves identifying key sentences, paragraphs, and sections.

Summary

Understanding the structure of primary sources is essential for accurate interpretation. Key sentences, paragraphs, and sections all contribute to the overall meaning and purpose of the text. Common misconceptions include underestimating the importance of structure and overestimating the importance of every sentence.