



Analyzing Key Terms in Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

Cues	Notes
What is figurative language?	Figurative language includes metaphors, similes, and personification.
What are connotative meanings?	Connotative meanings are the emotions or associations a word invokes.
How do authors refine key terms?	Authors refine key terms to develop their arguments or narratives.
Examples of technical meanings in texts	Technical meanings are specific to a field or subject, like scientific terms.

Summary

Understanding the different meanings of words and phrases in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings, is crucial. Analyzing how authors refine key terms enhances comprehension and critical thinking.