Evaluating Reasoning in U.S. Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.W.9b - Apply grades 11-12 Reading standards to literary nonfiction (e.g., 'Delineate and evaluate the reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, including the application of constitutional principles and use of legal reasoning [e.g., in U.S. Supreme Court Case majority opinions and dissents] and the premises, purposes, and arguments in works of public advocacy [e.g., The Federalist, presidential addresses]').

Cues	Notes
What is literary nonfiction?	Literary nonfiction includes essays, speeches, and other factual texts.
How to identify bias in historical texts?	Bias can be identified through rhetorical devices and persuasive language.
Examples of legal reasoning in texts?	Legal reasoning can be found in Supreme Court opinions, public advocacy, etc.
What are rhetorical devices?	Rhetorical devices include ethos, pathos, logos, and other persuasive techniques.

Summary

The standard focuses on applying advanced reading skills to evaluate reasoning in seminal U.S. texts, identifying bias, and understanding legal and rhetorical principles.