



Central Ideas and Summarization

Today's Standard

6-8.RH.2 - Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

Cues	Notes
What is a primary source?	Primary sources are original documents or firsthand accounts.
What is a secondary source?	Secondary sources interpret or analyze primary sources.
How do you determine the central idea?	To determine the central idea, identify the main points the author is making.
What is the difference between a summary and an opinion?	A summary is an objective recount of the main ideas, while an opinion includes personal thoughts.
Why is summarization important?	Summarization helps in understanding and retaining key information from texts.

Summary

Understanding primary and secondary sources, determining central ideas, and summarizing texts accurately are crucial skills in English Language Arts and History/Social Studies.