



Comprehending Literary Nonfiction

Today's Standard

7.RI.10 - By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Cues	Notes
What is literary nonfiction?	Literary nonfiction includes biographies, memoirs, and essays.
How do you identify the main idea?	The main idea is the central point or message of the text.
What are context clues?	Context clues are hints found within a sentence or paragraph that help understand the meaning of unfamiliar words.
Why is summarizing important?	Summarizing helps to distill the essential points of a text without copying it verbatim.
What are common misconceptions about reading comprehension?	Misconceptions include needing to understand every word and thinking summarizing means copying large sections.

Summary

Understanding literary nonfiction involves identifying main ideas, using context clues, and summarizing key points. Common misconceptions include focusing too much on individual words and copying text when summarizing.