



## Comparing Fiction and History

### Today's Standard

7.W.9a - Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history").

Cues	Notes
What is historical fiction?	Historical fiction combines fictional stories with historical events, places, or characters.
How do authors alter history?	Authors alter history to enhance storytelling, highlight themes, or provide commentary.
Why compare fiction and history?	Comparing fiction and history helps understand creative choices and improves critical thinking.
Examples of historical fiction	Examples include 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak and 'Number the Stars' by Lois Lowry.
Benefits of analyzing historical fiction	Analyzing historical fiction provides insights into historical contexts and human experiences.

### Summary

Understanding how authors use or alter history in fiction enhances critical thinking and analytical skills by comparing fictional portrayals with actual historical accounts.