



Comprehending Literary Nonfiction

Today's Standard

8.RI.10 - By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Cues	Notes
Key terms: Literary nonfiction, text complexity, themes, author's purpose, rhetorical strategies	Literary nonfiction includes biographies, memoirs, essays, and historical documents. Text complexity involves vocabulary, sentence structure, and themes.
Questions: What is literary nonfiction? How do you identify themes in a text? What is the author's purpose? How do you analyze rhetorical strategies?	Themes are the underlying messages or main ideas of a text. The author's purpose is the reason why the text was written. Rhetorical strategies are techniques used by the author to convey their message.

Summary

Understanding literary nonfiction involves analyzing themes, the author's purpose, and rhetorical strategies. This prepares students for advanced reading and critical thinking.