



### Analyzing Modern Fiction Themes

#### Today's Standard

8.W.9a - Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").

Cues	Notes
What is the standard?	The standard involves analyzing how modern fiction incorporates themes, patterns, and character types from myths, traditional stories, and religious works.
Examples of modern fiction drawing on traditional themes?	Examples include analyzing 'Harry Potter' for mythological themes, 'The Hunger Games' for traditional story patterns, and 'The Chronicles of Narnia' for biblical references.
Why is this standard important?	This standard is important because it helps students appreciate the interconnectedness of literary traditions and enhances their analytical skills.
Common misconceptions?	Common misconceptions include thinking modern fiction is entirely original and believing only direct retellings count as drawing on traditional themes.
Interventions for misconceptions?	Interventions include providing examples of modern works influenced by traditional stories and explaining that even loosely inspired works can draw on traditional themes.

#### Summary

This standard focuses on analyzing modern fiction for themes, patterns, and character types from traditional narratives. It enhances literary appreciation and analytical skills, addressing misconceptions about originality and the nature of inspiration in literature.