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Central Ideas in Historical Texts

Today's Standard

9-10.RH.2 - Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text.

Cues	Notes
What are primary sources?	Primary sources are original documents or firsthand accounts.
What are secondary sources?	Secondary sources analyze and interpret primary sources.
How to identify central ideas?	Central ideas are the main points or themes of a text.
What are key events?	Key events are significant actions or occurrences in the text.
Why are summaries important?	Summaries help condense information and highlight main ideas.

Summary

Understanding how to determine central ideas and summarize key events in historical texts is crucial for analyzing and interpreting historical information.