

Cornell Motes

Understanding Historical Vocabulary

Today's Standard

9-10.RH.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social science.

Cues	Notes
What is the standard?	The standard focuses on determining the meaning of words and phrases within historical texts.
Why is understanding context	
important?	Context is important because it helps determine the specific meaning of words based on their usage.
What are context clues?	
	Context clues are hints within the text that help deduce the meaning of
How can historical background help in understanding	unfamiliar words.
vocabulary?	Historical background provides insight into the significance and specific meaning of vocabulary used in texts.
What are common	
misconceptions?	Common misconceptions include thinking that words have a fixed meaning and that understanding individual words is sufficient without context.

Summary

Understanding vocabulary in historical texts requires using context clues and considering the broader historical background. This helps in accurately determining the meaning of words and phrases.