



Analyzing Historical U.S. Documents

Today's Standard

9-10.RI.9 - Analyze seminal U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (e.g., Washington's Farewell Address, the Gettysburg Address, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms speech, King's 'Letter from Birmingham Jail'), including how they address related themes and concepts.

Cues	Notes
What are seminal U.S. documents?	Seminal U.S. documents include important texts like Washington's Farewell Address and the Gettysburg Address.
Why are these documents significant?	These documents are significant because they have shaped U.S. history and literature.
How do these documents address themes and concepts?	They address themes like freedom, democracy, and justice, and often reflect the values of their time.
What rhetorical devices are used?	Rhetorical devices such as ethos, pathos, and logos are commonly used to persuade and convey messages.
How can these documents be analyzed?	Analyzing these documents involves understanding their historical context, themes, and rhetorical strategies.

Summary

Analyzing seminal U.S. documents involves understanding their historical significance, themes, and rhetorical strategies. These texts continue to influence modern society and provide valuable insights into the nation's values and beliefs.