



## Analyzing Historical Texts

### Today's Standard

11-12.RH.1 - Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical documents in a debate; Writing research papers using primary sources; Evaluating news articles for credibility; Interpreting historical speeches; Creating presentations on historical events

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use specific details from texts to understand history better. We look at different kinds of sources to find important information.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that any detail from a text can be used as evidence, but it needs to be relevant. They also might think that primary sources are always better than secondary sources, but both are important.

### Quiz Me

- What is a primary source?
- What is a secondary source?
- Why do we use evidence from texts?
- Can any detail be used as evidence?
- Which source gives more context, primary or secondary?

### Help Me

Using details from texts helps us understand history better. For example, reading a diary from a soldier and a history book about a war can both give us important information.