

Parent Guide to the

# **Comprehending Complex Historical Texts**

## Today's Standard

11-12.RH.10 - By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing primary source documents from historical events.; Evaluating the credibility of different historical sources.; Comparing historical perspectives from different authors.; Synthesizing information from multiple texts to form a coherent understanding of a historical event.

#### Today | Learned

Today, we learned how to read and understand difficult history texts by ourselves. This helps us get better at understanding important events and ideas from the past.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think all history books are true, but we need to check who wrote them and why. Also, understanding history isn't just about remembering facts; it's about thinking about what the writer is trying to say.

## Quiz Me

- What is a history text?
- Why do we read history books?
- What should we check about the author?
- What does 'credible' mean?
- Why is it important to think about the writer's purpose?

#### Help Me

Reading history books helps us learn about the past. We need to make sure the books are true by checking who wrote them. We should also think about why the writer wrote the book and what they want us to understand.