

Primary Source Structure Analysis

Today's Standard

11-12.RH.5 - Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured, including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical speeches; Examining foundational legal documents; Interpreting historical letters; Understanding historical diaries; Decoding government reports

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to look at important papers to see how they are put together. This helps us understand what they mean.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think every sentence is just as important, but some sentences are more important. They also might think how a paper is put together doesn't matter, but it does.

Quiz Me

- What is a primary source?
- Why is it important to look at how a paper is put together?
- What are key sentences?
- What is one thing kids might get wrong about important papers?
- How can we understand a paper better?

Help Me

We can understand important papers by looking at how they are put together. For example, when reading a letter from a long time ago, we can see how the beginning, middle, and end help us understand what the writer wanted to say.