



Critical Analysis of Historical Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.RH.8 - Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles for bias; Evaluating political speeches; Critiquing historical documentaries; Assessing research papers; Debating historical interpretations

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to check if what an author says is true by looking at other information. This helps us know if we can trust what we read.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all sources are true. But not everything we read is correct. Also, they might think challenging what an author says means we don't believe any of it, but it's really about asking good questions.

Quiz Me

- What does it mean to check an author's claims?
- Why is it important to see if other information matches?
- What makes a source trustworthy?
- Can we believe everything we read?
- How should we handle information we think might be wrong?

Help Me

When you read something, think about who wrote it and if they know a lot about the topic. Check if other things you read say the same thing. This helps you know if you can trust what you read, just like how you check if a story from a friend is true by asking others.