



Central Ideas Analysis

Today's Standard

11-12.RI.2 - Determine two or more central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to provide a complex analysis; provide an objective summary of the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles for central themes; Evaluating research papers for key ideas; Summarizing nonfiction books; Interpreting historical documents; Assessing speeches for core messages

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main points, called central ideas, in a text and see how they work together. We also learned how to write a summary without adding our own opinions.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think the main point is the same as the topic, but the topic is just what the text is about. The main point is what the author says about the topic. Also, summaries should not include personal thoughts, only what the text says.

Quiz Me

- What is the main point of a text?
- How do central ideas work together?
- What should a summary include?
- What should not be in a summary?
- Why is it important to find central ideas?

Help Me

When reading a book or article, try to find the main points the author is making. These are the central ideas. Think about how these points work together to give a bigger message. Summarize what you read by only including these main points, not your own thoughts. This helps you understand and explain what you read better.

