



Foundational U.S. Documents Analysis

Today's Standard

11-12.RI.9 - Analyze seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth-century foundational U.S. documents of historical and literary significance (including The Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address) for their themes, purposes, and rhetorical features.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Debate the themes and purposes of The Declaration of Independence.; Write an essay comparing the rhetorical features of the Bill of Rights and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address.; Create a presentation analyzing the significance of the Preamble to the Constitution in modern times.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about important U.S. documents like The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. We talked about what they mean and why they are important.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students might think these old documents are not important today. Others might think the words are too hard to understand. But, we can use examples from today to show how they still matter and break down the hard words to make them easier.

Quiz Me

- What is The Declaration of Independence?
- Why is the Constitution important?
- What does the Bill of Rights do?
- Who wrote Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address?
- Can you name one theme from these documents?

Help Me

These documents are important because they help us understand how our country was made and why we have certain rules and freedoms. For example, the Bill of Rights tells us about our rights, like freedom of

speech.