



## Comprehend Complex Literature

### Today's Standard

11-12.RL.10 - By the end of grade 11, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend literature, including stories, dramas, and poems, at the high end of the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing themes in classic and contemporary novels; Interpreting character development in plays; Evaluating poetic devices in modern and historical poetry

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to read and understand complex stories, plays, and poems by ourselves.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think understanding a story is just knowing what happens, but it's also about understanding why things happen and what the author is trying to say. Another problem is thinking they always need help to understand hard stories, but they can learn to do it on their own.

### Quiz Me

- What is a theme in a story?
- Why is it important to understand characters?
- What can poems teach us?
- How can we understand a play better?
- What should we look for in a story besides the plot?

### Help Me

We use what we learn to understand important ideas in stories, plays, and poems. This helps us think better and get ready for college.