



American literature themes comparison

Today's Standard

11-12.RL.9 - Demonstrate knowledge of eighteenth, nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century foundational works of American literature, including how two or more texts from the same period treat similar themes or topics.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyze how themes of freedom are treated in 19th-century American novels.; Compare the portrayal of individualism in works by Emerson and Thoreau.; Examine how early 20th-century American literature reflects societal changes.; Discuss the treatment of race in foundational American literary works.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about American literature from the 18th to early 20th centuries. We talked about how different books from the same time can have similar themes or topics.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all books from the same time say the same things. Others might think themes in books never change. But really, each book is unique, and themes can change over time.

Quiz Me

- Can you name a book from the 19th century?
- What is a theme in American literature?
- How can two books be different even if they are from the same time?
- Why do themes in books change?
- What did you learn about American literature today?

Help Me

This standard helps us understand how old American books talk about similar ideas. For example, two books from the 1800s might both talk about freedom, but in different ways. Knowing this helps us see how people thought and felt a long time ago.

