

Parent Guide to the

Organizing Complex Ideas

Today's Standard

11-12.WHST.2a - Introduce a topic and organize complex ideas, concepts, and information so that each new element builds on that which precedes it to create a unified whole; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing research papers that include headings and subheadings.; Creating multimedia presentations with integrated graphics.; Developing technical manuals with clear sections and diagrams.

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to organize complex ideas and information in my writing. I can use headings, graphics, and multimedia to make my writing clear and easy to understand.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that just listing ideas is enough, but it's important to make sure everything flows together logically. Also, adding pictures and videos can really help explain things better, even though some kids might think they're not necessary.

Quiz Me

- What is a heading?
- Why do we use pictures in writing?
- What does it mean to organize ideas?
- Why is it important to have a flow in writing?
- Can videos help explain things better?

Help Me

When you write, it's important to organize your ideas so they make sense together. Using headings, pictures, and videos can help make your writing clear and interesting. For example, when explaining a science experiment, you can use pictures of the steps to make it easier to understand.