



## American Literature Analysis

### Today's Standard

11-12.W.9a - Apply grades 11-12 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "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

Comparing themes in works by Mark Twain and Herman Melville; Analyzing the portrayal of the American Dream in early 20th-century literature; Examining the treatment of social issues in 19th-century American novels

### Today I Learned

Today we learned about how to compare themes in American literature from the 18th to early 20th centuries.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that themes in books never change or that all books from the same time talk about themes the same way. But that's not true!

### Quiz Me

- What is a theme?
- Can themes change over time?
- Do all books from the same time talk about themes the same way?
- Why is historical context important?
- What is comparative analysis?

### Help Me

This standard helps students understand how different books talk about the same ideas in different ways. For example, how two books from the 1800s might talk about freedom differently because of what was happening in history at that time.

