

Story vs. Information Books

Today's Standard

1.RL.5 - Explain major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information, drawing on a wide reading of a range of text types.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing a fairy tale to an encyclopedia entry; Identifying story elements in a picture book; Exploring informational texts about animals; Discussing the purpose of different types of books; Creating a Venn diagram to compare story and informational books

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about the differences between storybooks and informational books. Storybooks tell a story with characters and a plot, while informational books give us facts about different topics.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all books are either stories or informational, but some books can be both! Others might think only storybooks have pictures, but informational books can have pictures too.

Quiz Me

- What is a storybook?
- What is an informational book?
- Can a book be both a story and informational?
- Do informational books have pictures?
- Why is it important to know the difference between storybooks and informational books?

Help Me

A storybook tells a story with characters and events, like a fairy tale. An informational book gives us facts, like a book about animals. Knowing the difference helps us choose the right book for what we want to learn.