

# **Comparing Texts**

## Today's Standard

3.RI.9 - Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing articles about the same historical event; Analyzing different perspectives in news reports; Evaluating two scientific explanations of the same phenomenon; Comparing two biographies of the same person

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to compare and contrast two texts. This means finding what is the same and what is different in the important points each text makes.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think comparing means only looking for differences. They might also think all details are equally important. We need to look for both similarities and differences and figure out which details matter most.

#### Quiz Me

- What does it mean to compare?
- What does it mean to contrast?
- Can you name one tool we use to compare texts?
- Why is it important to compare texts?
- What is a key detail?

## Help Me

Comparing texts helps us understand them better. For example, if we read two stories about the same animal, we can see what both stories say that is the same and what is different. This helps us learn more about the animal.