



Comparing Themes and Plots

Today's Standard

3.RL.9 - Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing Harry Potter books to compare themes and settings; Discussing the similarities and differences in characters from 'The Chronicles of Narnia'; Comparing the adventures of characters in 'Magic Tree House' series; Examining the themes and plots of 'Junie B. Jones' books

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories by the same author. We looked at how characters and events are similar or different in these stories.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that settings and plots are the same, but settings are where and when the story happens, and plots are the events that happen. Also, kids might think themes are always said out loud in the story, but we usually have to figure them out.

Quiz Me

- What is a theme?
- How do you find the setting of a story?
- What is a plot?
- Can you tell me a theme from your favorite book?
- How are two stories by the same author similar?

Help Me

When we compare themes, settings, and plots, we can see how stories by the same author are alike or different. For example, in the 'Magic Tree House' series, we can look at how Jack and Annie's adventures change but also stay the same in different books.

