

Parent Guide to the

Poems, Drama, and Prose Structures

Today's Standard

4.RL.5 - Explain major differences between poems, drama, and prose, and refer to the structural elements of poems (e.g., verse, rhythm, meter) and drama (e.g., casts of characters, settings, descriptions, dialogue, stage directions) when writing or speaking about a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing a poem and a play in a class discussion; Writing a short poem and identifying its structural elements; Reading a short drama piece and discussing the characters and stage directions; Creating a Venn diagram to compare and contrast prose, poetry, and drama

Today | Learned

Today we learned about the differences between poems, drama, and prose. Poems have special parts like verse and rhythm, drama has characters and stage directions, and prose is like regular writing.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all writing is the same, but poems, drama, and prose are different. Others might mix up the parts of poems with those of stories or plays.

Quiz Me

- What is a poem?
- What is drama?
- What is prose?
- Can you name a part of a poem?
- What is a character in a play?

Help Me

We learned that poems, drama, and prose are different kinds of writing. Poems have parts like verse and rhythm, drama has characters and stage directions, and prose is regular writing. You can see these differences in books, plays, and poems you read.