



## Comparing Themes in Literature

### Today's Standard

4.RL.9 - Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing fairy tales from different cultures; Comparing mythological stories from various civilizations; Discussing the theme of good vs. evil in superhero comics; Examining quests in adventure novels

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to compare themes in stories from different cultures. For example, we looked at how different stories show the battle between good and evil.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think themes are unique to each story or that stories from different cultures can't be compared. But many stories share common ideas, like the fight between good and evil.

### Quiz Me

- What is a theme?
- Can you name a common theme in stories?
- How can we compare themes in different stories?
- Why is it important to compare themes?
- Can stories from different cultures have the same theme?

### Help Me

We learned that stories from different cultures can have similar themes, like good vs. evil. By comparing these stories, we can see how different people tell similar stories in different ways.