



Varieties of English in Literature

Today's Standard

5.L.3b - Compare and contrast the varieties of English (e.g., dialects, registers) used in stories, dramas, or poems.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing different dialects in a story; Comparing formal and informal speech in dramas; Examining poetry for regional language variations

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about different ways people speak English in stories, plays, and poems. These different ways are called dialects and registers.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all English is the same or that one way of speaking is right and others are wrong. But really, different ways of speaking make stories more interesting!

Quiz Me

- What is a dialect?
- What is a register?
- Why do people use different dialects?
- Can you name a story with different ways of speaking?
- Is one way of speaking better than another?

Help Me

Different ways of speaking English, like dialects and registers, make stories, plays, and poems more fun and interesting. For example, someone in a story might speak differently if they are from another place or if they are talking to a friend versus a teacher.