



Central Ideas and Summarization

Today's Standard

6-8.RH.2 - Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical documents; Summarizing news articles; Interpreting primary source letters; Reviewing biographies; Understanding historical speeches

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main ideas in historical texts and write summaries that don't include our own opinions.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that summarizing means sharing what they think about the text. Others might not know the difference between primary sources, like original letters, and secondary sources, like history books.

Quiz Me

- What is a primary source?
- What is a secondary source?
- How do you find the main idea?
- What should a summary include?
- Why is it important to summarize?

Help Me

Summarizing helps us understand and remember important information from texts. For example, if you read a letter from a famous person, you can tell someone else what it said without adding your own thoughts.