



Author's Point of View in Text

Today's Standard

6-8.RH.6 - Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles for bias; Evaluating historical documents; Critiquing opinion pieces; Assessing advertisements for persuasive techniques

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find out what an author thinks or wants to say in their writing. We looked at clues like the words they use and what facts they include or leave out.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that an author always says what they think directly. But often, authors give hints through their words and tone. Also, kids might think this only matters in opinion articles, but it's important in all kinds of writing.

Quiz Me

- What is the author's point of view?
- How can you tell what the author wants to say?
- What words give clues about the author's thoughts?
- Why is it important to know what the author thinks?
- Can you find the author's view in a history book?

Help Me

Understanding what an author thinks or wants to say helps us know if they are being fair or trying to persuade us. For example, in a news article, we can see if the writer is showing all sides of a story or just one.