

Comparing Primary and Secondary Sources

Today's Standard

6-8.RH.9 - Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing historical documents; Analyzing news articles and historical accounts; Examining biographies and autobiographies; Evaluating textbooks versus original speeches; Studying different perspectives on historical events

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to compare primary sources, like diaries, with secondary sources, like textbooks, to understand history better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think primary sources are always better, but that's not true. Others think secondary sources just repeat primary sources, but they can add new information.

Quiz Me

- What is a primary source?
- What is a secondary source?
- Can a secondary source add new information?
- Is a primary source always reliable?
- Why do we compare different sources?

Help Me

We can use primary sources like old letters and secondary sources like books to learn about history. This helps us see different points of view and understand what really happened.