



Central Ideas & Summarization

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Summarizing scientific articles; Creating summaries of technical manuals; Extracting main ideas from lab reports; Summarizing historical documents; Creating concise summaries of research papers

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main ideas in a text and write a summary that doesn't include our own opinions.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that summarizing means just rewriting the text in their own words, but it's really about finding the main ideas. Another mistake is adding their own opinions to the summary, which should only include information from the text.

Quiz Me

- What is a central idea?
- How do you write a summary?
- Should a summary include your opinions?
- Why is summarizing important?
- What helps you find the main ideas?

Help Me

Summarizing means finding the main ideas in a text and writing them down without adding your own opinions. For example, if you read a story about plants, you would write down the most important things about how plants grow.