



Author's Purpose in Scientific Texts

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.6 - Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading scientific articles to identify the purpose; Analyzing lab reports to understand procedures; Examining technical manuals for explanations

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about why authors write scientific texts. Sometimes they want to explain something, sometimes they describe how to do something, and other times they talk about experiments.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think authors always write to inform, but they can also explain or describe. Others think scientific texts are just facts, but authors also give their opinions and interpretations.

Quiz Me

- Why do authors write?
- What is an explanation?
- What is a procedure?
- What is an experiment?
- Can authors give their opinions in scientific texts?

Help Me

Authors write scientific texts for different reasons. They might explain why something happens, describe how to do something, or talk about an experiment they did. For example, a scientist might write about how plants grow, how to do an experiment, or what they found out from their experiment.