

Parent Guide to the

Comprehending Literary Nonfiction

Today's Standard

7.RI.10 - By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction in the grades 6-8 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing biographies for key themes; Summarizing news articles; Evaluating historical documents; Comparing different types of informational texts

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to read and understand nonfiction books and articles. This helps us get better at finding important information and understanding what we read.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they need to know every word to understand a text, but they just need to get the main idea. Another problem is thinking summarizing means copying parts of the text, but it really means putting it in your own words.

Quiz Me

- What is the main idea?
- What are context clues?
- Why do we summarize?
- What is literary nonfiction?
- How can you understand a hard word in a text?

Help Me

Reading nonfiction books and articles helps us understand real-world information. For example, we can read a news article to learn about current events or a biography to learn about someone's life. This helps us become better readers and thinkers.