



## Analyzing Central Ideas

### Today's Standard

7.RI.2 - Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Summarizing news articles; Identifying main ideas in historical documents; Analyzing themes in scientific reports; Evaluating arguments in opinion pieces

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main points in a text and write a summary without adding our own thoughts.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think finding the main point is just picking one sentence, but it's more about looking at the whole text. Also, summaries should not include what we think, only what the text says.

### Quiz Me

- What is a central idea?
- How do you find the main points in a text?
- What is an objective summary?
- Why shouldn't you add your own thoughts in a summary?
- Can you tell me a main point from a story you read?

### Help Me

When reading, look for the big ideas the author is talking about. Write a short summary that tells these big ideas without saying what you think about them. This helps you understand the text better.