

Parent Guide to the

Author's Point of View

Today's Standard

7.RI.6 - Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author distinguishes his or her position from that of others.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles to identify biases; Comparing opinion pieces on the same topic; Evaluating the purpose of advertisements; Understanding historical documents and their perspectives; Assessing the objectivity in scientific reports

Today | Learned

Today, we learned about understanding an author's point of view and purpose in a text. This means figuring out what the author thinks and why they wrote the text.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think the author's point of view is always clearly stated. This is not true because authors often hint at their perspective. Another mistake is thinking the author's purpose is only to inform or entertain. Authors write for many reasons, like persuading or expressing opinions.

Quiz Me

- What is an author's point of view?
- Why does an author write a text?
- Can the author's point of view be hidden?
- What are some reasons an author might write something?
- How can you tell what an author thinks?

Help Me

Understanding an author's point of view and purpose helps us see why they wrote the text and what they think about the topic. For example, reading a news article helps us understand the author's opinion and why they wrote it, like to inform or persuade us.