



Comparing Authors' Perspectives

Today's Standard

7.RI.9 - Analyze how two or more authors writing about the same topic shape their presentations of key information by emphasizing different evidence or advancing different interpretations of facts.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing news articles on the same event; Analyzing historical accounts from multiple sources; Evaluating scientific reports on the same study; Comparing biographies of the same person; Reviewing different reviews of the same book or movie

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to compare how different authors write about the same topic. We looked at how they use different facts and ideas to explain things in their own way.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that all authors write the same way, but that's not true. Others might think that if two authors say different things, one of them must be wrong. But actually, they can both be right in different ways.

Quiz Me

- What is the main idea?
- How do authors write differently about the same topic?
- What is evidence?
- What is an interpretation?
- Why is it good to compare different authors?

Help Me

When you read different books or articles about the same thing, you learn more because each author might tell you something new. For example, two books about dinosaurs might talk about different kinds of dinosaurs or different facts about them. By reading both, you get a bigger picture and learn more.

