

Parent Guide to the

Analyzing Non-Literary Elements

Today's Standard

7.RL.8 - (Not applicable to literature)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing themes in literature to real-life scenarios; Analyzing character motivations in historical texts; Examining the influence of cultural context on a story; Exploring how different genres approach similar themes

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to look at stories in different ways, like understanding why characters do what they do and how stories can relate to real life.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that studying stories is just about finding themes, but it's also about understanding characters and plots. Another common mistake is thinking stories don't relate to real life, but they often do.

Quiz Me

- What is a theme in a story?
- Why do characters matter in a story?
- Can you give an example of a story that relates to real life?
- What is a plot?
- How can a story's setting affect the story?

Help Me

Understanding stories helps us see the world in new ways. For example, reading about a character's challenges can help us understand our own problems better.