



Comparing Fiction and History

Today's Standard

7.W.9a - Apply grade 7 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history").

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical fiction novels; Comparing movies based on historical events with actual history; Writing essays on how authors alter historical facts for storytelling; Creating presentations on differences between historical accounts and their fictional portrayals

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about comparing stories with real history. We looked at how authors change history to make stories more interesting.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all stories about history are true, but authors often change things. Others might think these stories can't teach us anything, but they can help us understand history better.

Quiz Me

- What is historical fiction?
- Why do authors change history in their stories?
- Can historical fiction teach us about history?
- Give an example of a historical fiction story.
- Why is it important to compare stories with real history?

Help Me

When we read stories about history, we can learn a lot. Authors might change some facts to make the story more fun, but it still helps us understand what happened in the past.