

Parent Guide to the

Comprehending Literary Nonfiction

Today's Standard

8.RI.10 - By the end of the year, read and comprehend literary nonfiction at the high end of the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles; Understanding historical documents; Interpreting scientific essays; Evaluating biographies

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to read and understand complex nonfiction books. This helps us get ready for harder reading in high school.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think nonfiction books don't need careful reading like stories do. Others think all nonfiction books are true and have no opinions. We learned how to check for the author's opinions and think deeply about the text.

Quiz Me

- What is a nonfiction book?
- Can nonfiction books have opinions?
- Why is it important to read carefully?
- What is an author's purpose?
- How do you find the main idea?

Help Me

Reading nonfiction helps us understand real-world things like history and science. We learn to think about what we read and see if the author has opinions. This makes us smart readers!