



Central Idea Analysis

Today's Standard

8.RI.2 - Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles to identify the main idea and supporting details.; Summarizing scientific papers or reports objectively.; Evaluating the central theme in historical documents.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main point of a text and see how it is supported by other ideas. We also practiced summarizing the text without adding our own opinions.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students might think the main point is the same as the topic, but they are different. The topic is what the text is about, while the main point is what the author wants to say about that topic. Also, some might think that supporting details are not important, but they help us understand the main point better.

Quiz Me

- What is the main point of the text?
- Can you tell me some details that support the main point?
- What is the topic of the text?
- How does the main point change throughout the text?
- Can you summarize the text without adding your own thoughts?

Help Me

We use the main point of a text to understand what the author wants to tell us. This is important in real life, like when reading news articles or reports, because it helps us understand the most important information.