

Parent Guide to the Standards

Text Structure Analysis

Today's Standard

8.RL.5 - Compare and contrast the structure of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structure of each text contributes to its meaning and style.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing the narrative structure of two novels; Analyzing the structure of a poem versus a short story; Examining how different structures affect the tone in news articles and opinion pieces

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how different structures in stories and texts can change their meaning and style. Comparing these structures helps us understand the stories better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all stories in the same genre are structured the same way. Others might not realize that the structure of a story affects its meaning. We need to show them different examples and explain how structure changes the story.

Quiz Me

- What is text structure?
- Can two stories have different structures?
- How does structure affect a story?
- Can structure change the meaning of a story?
- Why is it important to compare text structures?

Help Me

Understanding text structure helps us see how different parts of a story fit together. For example, a story told in flashbacks might feel different from one told in a straight timeline. This helps us understand the story better.