



### Analyzing Modern Fiction Themes

#### Today's Standard

8.W.9a - Apply grade 8 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new").

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing Harry Potter to ancient myths; Analyzing superhero movies for mythological elements; Discussing themes in 'The Hunger Games' related to traditional stories; Examining character archetypes in modern TV shows; Exploring biblical references in 'The Chronicles of Narnia'

#### Today I Learned

Today we learned how modern stories use ideas from old myths and traditional tales. This helps us see how stories are connected.

#### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think new stories are completely new and don't see how they're connected to old myths. They might also think only exact copies count as using old ideas.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a myth?
- Can you name a modern story we talked about?
- What is a theme?
- How is 'Harry Potter' like old myths?
- Why is it important to see connections between stories?

#### Help Me

Stories we read today often use ideas from old myths and tales. For example, 'Harry Potter' has themes from ancient myths. This helps us understand and enjoy stories more.