



Central Ideas in Historical Texts

Today's Standard

9-10.RH.2 - Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical speeches for main ideas; Summarizing key events in historical documents; Interpreting primary sources like diaries or letters; Understanding the development of historical events through secondary sources

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to find the main ideas and important events in history books and documents.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think that summarizing means just saying the same thing in different words. They should focus on the main ideas instead. They might also think that only original documents are important, but books that explain those documents are important too.

Quiz Me

- What is a main idea?
- What is a primary source?
- What is a secondary source?
- Why is it important to find key events?
- Why do we summarize?

Help Me

When we read history, we look for the most important ideas and events. This helps us understand what happened and why it matters. For example, reading a letter from a soldier and a book about the war can both help us learn about history.