

# **Understanding Historical Vocabulary**

## Today's Standard

9-10.RH.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social science.

## Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing political speeches; Interpreting historical documents; Understanding economic reports; Examining social movements

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand the meaning of words in history texts. We looked at how words can change meaning based on how they are used.

# **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think words always mean the same thing. But words can mean different things in different stories. Also, just knowing the word isn't enough. You need to know the whole story to understand it.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Can a word mean different things in different stories?
- Why is it important to know the whole story?
- What should you do if you don't understand a word?
- How can history help you understand a word?

# Help Me

When you read history, words can mean different things. Look at the whole story to understand the words better. For example, in a speech, a word might mean something special because of the time it was said.