



Evaluating Textual Evidence

Today's Standard

9-10.RH.8 - Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claims.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical documents for bias; Evaluating news articles for credibility; Critiquing opinion pieces; Assessing arguments in academic essays

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to check if what an author says is true by looking at the evidence they use.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think all evidence is good. Others might think any evidence is enough to prove something. Both are not true.

Quiz Me

- What is evidence?
- Why do we need to check evidence?
- What makes evidence strong?
- Can all evidence be trusted?
- What should we do if evidence is weak?

Help Me

When reading, we need to check if what the author says is true by looking at the evidence. For example, if a news story says something happened, we should see if they use good evidence to prove it.