



Central Idea Analysis

Today's Standard

9-10.RI.2 - Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles to identify the main idea and supporting details; Examining historical documents to understand their central themes; Summarizing scientific research papers objectively; Breaking down speeches to identify key messages and how they are developed

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about finding the main idea in a text and how it changes with details. We also practiced writing short summaries of what we read.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think the main idea is the same as the topic, but it's not. The main idea is what the author wants to say about the topic. Others might think a summary should include everything, but it should only have the most important points.

Quiz Me

- What is the main idea of a text?
- How do details help the main idea?
- What is a summary?
- Should a summary include every detail?
- Can you tell me the main idea of your favorite book?

Help Me

The main idea is like the big message the author wants you to understand. In real life, finding the main idea helps you understand news stories, books, and even instructions better. It makes it easier to see what's important.

