

Analyzing Source Material Transformation

Today's Standard

9-10.RL.9 - Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work (e.g., how Shakespeare treats a theme or topic from Ovid or the Bible or how a later author draws on a play by Shakespeare).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' with 'West Side Story'; Examining how 'The Lion King' draws on Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'; Analyzing modern retellings of classic fairy tales; Investigating how 'The Hunger Games' draws on Greek mythology

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how authors use old stories to create new ones. For example, Shakespeare used ideas from other stories to write his famous plays.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think authors just copy old stories without changing them. Others think you don't need to know the old story to enjoy the new one. But knowing the old story can make the new one more interesting!

Quiz Me

- What is a theme?
- Can you name a story that uses ideas from another story?
- Why do you think authors use old stories?
- What makes a new story different from the old one?
- How can knowing the old story help you understand the new one?

Help Me

Authors often take ideas from old stories to make new ones. For example, 'The Lion King' is a lot like Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'. Knowing the old story can help you understand and enjoy the new one even more!