



Central Ideas and Summaries

Today's Standard

9-10.RST.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing scientific research papers; Summarizing technical manuals; Interpreting historical documents; Evaluating process explanations in engineering texts

Today I Learned

Today's topic is about finding the main ideas or conclusions in a text and summarizing it. This helps us understand complex things better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they need to include every detail in a summary, but they only need the main ideas. Also, conclusions aren't always clearly stated; sometimes, they need to be figured out from the text.

Quiz Me

- What is a main idea?
- What is a conclusion?
- What is a summary?
- Do you need every detail in a summary?
- Can conclusions always be found easily?

Help Me

When you read something, try to find the main points and the big ideas. Think about what the text is mostly about and what it is trying to tell you. This will help you understand and explain it better.