Organizing Complex Ideas

Today's Standard

9-10.W.2a - Introduce a topic; organize complex ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing research papers with clear sections and headings; Creating multimedia presentations with integrated graphics; Developing informative blog posts with embedded videos and images; Designing instructional manuals with tables and diagrams; Crafting detailed project reports with supporting visuals

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to introduce a topic and organize ideas in our writing. We also learned how to use headings, pictures, and videos to help make our writing clearer.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, students think that any picture or video is good, even if it doesn't help explain the topic. Another mistake is just listing facts without showing how they are connected.

Quiz Me

- What should you do first when writing about a new topic?

- Why is it important to use headings?

- How can pictures help your writing?

- What is one mistake people make with pictures in writing?

- Why should you connect your ideas together?

Help Me

When you write, start by clearly saying what your topic is. Use headings to organize your ideas. Add pictures or videos that help explain your topic. This makes your writing easier to understand. For example, if you are writing about animals, you can use pictures of each animal and headings like 'Mammals' or 'Birds' to organize your information.