



Analyzing Source Material in Literature

Today's Standard

9-10.W.9a - Apply grades 9-10 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "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

Compare themes in Shakespeare's plays to their original sources.; Analyze modern adaptations of classical literature.; Examine how contemporary authors reinterpret historical texts.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how writers use and change stories from other books. This helps us see new ideas in old stories.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think writers just copy other stories, but they often change them a lot. Others think new versions of stories have to be the same as the old ones, but they can be very different.

Quiz Me

- What is a theme?
- What is a plot?
- What is a character?
- Can new stories be different from old ones?
- Why do writers change old stories?

Help Me

Writers often use old stories to make new ones. They change parts to show new ideas. For example, a new movie might change an old book to make it fun for today's kids.