

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify and analyze key elements of nonfiction texts, such as main ideas, supporting details, and author's purpose.

Materials and Prep

Materials: Nonfiction book or article, notebook, pen

Prep: None

Activities

1. Choose a nonfiction book or article to read.
2. As you read, take notes on the main ideas and supporting details.
3. After reading, write a summary of the text and identify the author's purpose.

Seventh Grade Talking Points

- Nonfiction texts provide information about real people, events, or ideas. For example, "Nonfiction books are like windows into the real world, showing us facts and truths."
- When reading nonfiction, it's important to pay attention to the main ideas and supporting details. You can say, "Think of the main ideas as the big picture and the supporting details as the pieces that fill in the picture."
- Understanding the author's purpose helps us see why the text was written. You can explain, "Just like in real life, people write for different reasons. Sometimes it's to inform, persuade, or entertain."