

Teaching Notes

The goal of RL.6.9 is for students to compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics. The following information pertains to how teachers can use this mini-module in a classroom.

Activities

1. Make a chart showing several of the conventions associated with each of the fiction and nonfiction genres listed in the first table included in the Exploring the Standard section of the module. Here is an example of what this chart might look like:

| Mystery | Romance | Science Fiction | Biography | Newspaper Article | Personal Essay |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| suspenseful tone | a chivalrous hero | futuristic setting | about a real person | short | informal tone |
| the main character does not know an important piece of information | fantastical creatures | advanced technology | narrates events of a person's life | includes factual information about real people and events | often written in first person |
| a big reveal at the end | magic | | usually told from a third-person perspective | | |

2. Provide students with a common literary archetype in two different genres. Direct students to work in groups to compare and contrast how the archetype is developed within each text and how the genre influences the development of the text. How is the development similar within the two genres? How is the development specific to the constraints of the genre? Example: Examine the villains in a contemporary adventure novel and a historical adventure novel or the villains in realistic fiction and in a nonfiction novel.

Additional Resource

Consider this additional resource when teaching RL.6.9:

Using Paired Text to Meet the Common Core: Effective Teaching Across the K-8 Curriculum: This book provides a variety of information on comparing and contrasting texts across grades and disciplines:

- [https://books.google.com/books?id=n61BQAAQBAJ&pg=PA47&lpg=PA47&dq=CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.9+Compare+and+contrast+texts+in+different+forms+or+genres+\(e.g.,+stories+and+poems;+historical+novels+and+fantasy+stories\)+in+terms+of+their+approaches+to+similar+themes+and+topics](https://books.google.com/books?id=n61BQAAQBAJ&pg=PA47&lpg=PA47&dq=CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.9+Compare+and+contrast+texts+in+different+forms+or+genres+(e.g.,+stories+and+poems;+historical+novels+and+fantasy+stories)+in+terms+of+their+approaches+to+similar+themes+and+topics)