

# Compare and Contrast

## Objective

Students will identify the similarities and differences between texts.

## Materials

- Two expository or narrative texts at students' instructional or independent reading level
- Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer handout

## Overview

Model how to complete the Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer handout. Keep the handout handy, as students can complete the organizer independently for other sets of texts.

## Activity

1. Distribute the texts and the handout.
2. Have students read both texts.
3. Write the story titles on the graphic organizer in the designated areas.
4. Discuss the elements of each text. Decide which are unique to each text and which are shared.
5. Record the answers in the corresponding area.

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## Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer

Text 1 title	Text 2 title
<b>Things that are the same</b>	
<b>Things that are different</b>	

Adapted from O'Brien-Palmer, M. (1997). *Great graphic organizers to use with any book*. New York, NY: Scholastic.