

COMPARE & CONTRAST STORIES

task cards

Compare & Contrast Stories



Compare Two Stories Challenge

1. Underline an element similar.
2. Circle an element different in each article.

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27. Compare Two Stories

It was always cold in the walk-in freezer, but it began to feel colder than usual. Kurt looked up from stocking the shelves to realize the door had swung closed! He leaped up and tried the handle, but there was no way to open it from inside the freezer. With cold fingers, Kurt pulled out his cell phone. Inside the metal freezer door, he saw a small, glowing light.

Emily was a six-year-old with a wild imagination. One morning, she told her parents, "I'm going to turn my curtains and turn them into a cape. Then I'll fly to the moon." "You'll do no such thing," her father replied. But how Emily's imagination had gotten her into trouble.

14. Compare Two Stories

Native Americans have a story about why Bear's tail is so short. It all started with some ice fishing on a cold day. Bear hadn't caught anything. Wolf showed up and taught him how to dip his tail in the hole to attract fish. Bear tried, but before he knew it, his tail was frozen fast in the ice.

The anteater didn't always have a long, straight nose. The Native American tribes in that area have a short, stubby nose. One day, it was a Native American. The anteater tried to eat him. The Native American grabbed him by the tail. He pulled and pulled, and the anteater's nose stretched long, straight, and sharp.

1. Compare Two Stories

When I heard the wolf huffing and puffing at my door, I was so scared, I hardly knew what to do. I snuck out the back and hurried to my brother's brick house. I got out just in time before the wolf blew my house into a pile of sticks.

Even though I was sick, I decided to visit my dear friend, the pig. When I knocked on his door, he rudely refused to open it. I started having a sneezing fit. I huffed and puffed, but I didn't even have a tissue. It seems his poorly-built stick house couldn't stand up to my sneezes.

- How are the passages different?
- a. They tell different parts of the story.
 - b. They are told by a different character.
 - c. They take place in a different time and place.
 - d. One is fiction and one is non-fiction.

2nd & 3rd Grade



Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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John was the most handsome young man in Charleston County. It was no wonder so many girls wanted to marry him. But Ma Sally wasn't about to give her son away in marriage to a girl who couldn't cook black-eyed peas.

"Any wife of yours will have to cook black-eyed peas as well as I do," she told her son.

The girl certainly didn't look like a princess, but Prince Gellert believed her story. The queen, on the other hand, wasn't so sure. She placed a single pea under a stack of 100 mattresses.

"Only a true princess will be able to feel the pea," she explained.

How are the passages alike?

- Both have a prince and a princess.
- Both are told by a character in the story.
- Both take place in Charleston County.
- Both have a test before someone can marry.

3.

Compare Two Stories

Little Red Riding Hood was a little girl who loved visiting her grandmother who lived in the forest. One day, she met a sly wolf on the way who asked her where she was going. The wolf ran ahead of her to her grandmother's house and pretended to be her grandmother. When Little Red Riding Hood arrived, she noticed that her grandmother looked different, but did not realize that it was the wolf. She talked to the wolf for a while before becoming suspicious of him. Her grandmother then arrived home and the wolf ran away.

Little Blue Riding Hood was a little girl who loved visiting her grandmother who lived in the city. One day, she took a bus to her grandmother's house and brought her some cupcakes that she had baked herself. When she arrived, her grandmother was very happy to see her, and they spent a fun day together playing board games and watching movies.

What do the two passages have in common?

- Both Little Riding Hoods saw animals on their way to their grandmother's house.
- Both Little Riding Hoods traveled through the forest to get to their grandmother's house.
- In both stories, the grandmothers were not feeling well when the girls arrived.
- The stories both involve Little Riding Hood characters visiting their grandmothers.

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Compare Two Stories

Cinderella was a kind girl who lived with her cruel stepmother and stepsisters. She wished to go to the king's ball, but her stepmother forbade her. With the help of her fairy godmother, she went to the ball and danced with the prince. At midnight, she left behind her glass slipper. The prince searched for Cinderella and when he found her, they lived happily ever after.

Ella was a creative girl who dreamed of becoming an artist. Her stepmother and stepsisters did not support her interests. They made her do housework instead. One day, a famous artist visited Ella's town and announced that he would hold a contest. Ella's stepmother forbade her from attending, but with the help of her animal friends, Ella was able to attend and won the contest. The prize was to study with the artist, and Ella's talent was finally recognized.

Based on the passages, which of these statements is true?

- In version 1, Cinderella's stepfamily is unkind to her, but in version 2, Ella's family supports her interests.
- In version 1, Cinderella attends a ball at the palace, but in version 2, Ella attends an art contest.
- In version 1, Cinderella's love interest is a frog, and in version 2, Ella's passion is art.
- In version 1, Cinderella wears a glass slipper to the ball, but in version 2, Ella wins a ribbon at an art contest.

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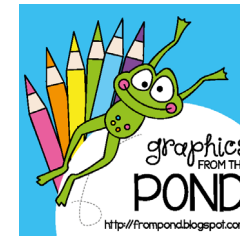


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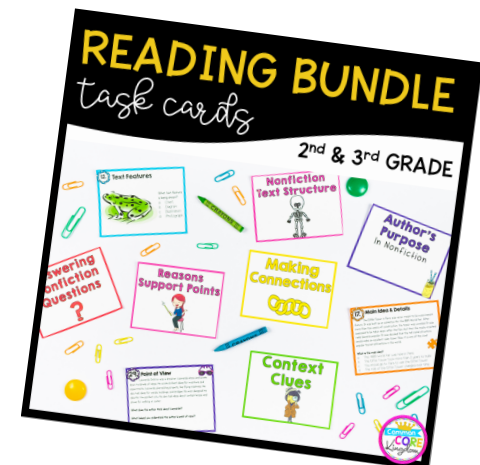
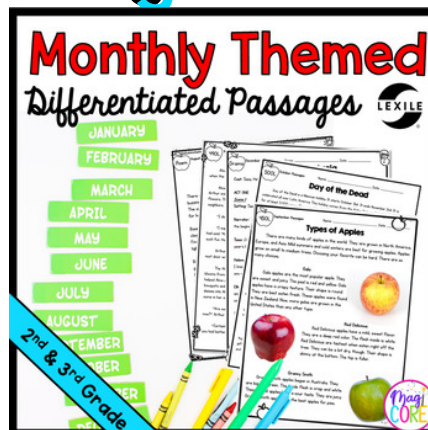



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