

COMPARE TWO STORIES

task cards

Compare & Contrast Themes and Topics



Compare Two Stories Challenge

Write or summarize the theme.

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27. Compare Two Stories

"You were right, Coach," Hoops said, "the team did just fine without me. I'm glad I didn't try to push it on this bad ankle."

Coach put his hand on Hoops's shoulder. "Listen," he said, "everyone knows you're the best player on the team, but I think it was a good lesson for you. The other players helped you see their strengths."

Hoops had already scored twenty-four points in the basketball game. His Billy Goats had a huge lead, and the other teams were starting to show their frustration. Players started fouling Hoops, even when he didn't have the ball. Sometimes Hoops fouled, but many times he didn't.

"Just play your game," Hoops's coach advised. "I don't want to see you make a stupid mistake, but you have to try to win."

14. Compare Two Stories

The feathered snake Quetzalcoatl was the beloved priest-king of the Aztec people. One day, the jealous god of the night sky banished Quetzalcoatl by using black magic. Quetzalcoatl was left to wander the coast in despair. At last, he came across a bonfire and threw himself into the flames. From there, Quetzalcoatl emerged as the planet Venus.

Tlaloc, the Aztec god of rain, was also feared by the Aztecs. After all, he brought life-giving water and crops. However, Tlaloc was also feared by the Aztecs because he could withhold rain, causing drought and famine. He could also send too much rain, causing floods that washed away villages.

What is the biggest difference between Passage 1 and Passage 2?

- a. The cultures they come from.
- b. The type of stories they are.
- c. The characters in the stories.
- d. The topic.



4th Grade

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Aladdin sighed and set down the magic lamp. He couldn't fault the genie, who had truly turned him into a prince with riches beyond imagination. However, riches and titles hadn't impressed the princess at all. Even if they had, she would've been in love with "Prince Ali," a person who didn't exist, not Aladdin.



What theme do these stories share?

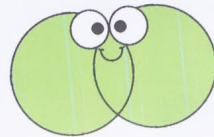
- a. We have to face the difficulties in life bravely.
- b. The things we wish for don't always turn out the way we expect.
- c. The things we wish for are always on the inside.
- d. The things we wish for are always on the outside.

"These wings are held together with wax," Daedalus explained to Icarus. "If you fly too high, or the sun will melt the wax and you will fall. So, fly wisely, and you will be safe."

Prometheus had warned his brother never to accept a gift from Zeus, king of the gods. When Zeus offered a beautiful woman to marry, Prometheus forgot all about his brother's advice. Epimetheus took the gift, and Prometheus was punished for his disobedience. Prometheus was chained to a rock with the mysterious box he carried.

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Themes and Topics



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- We have to face the difficulties in life bravely.
- The things we wish for don't always turn out the way we expect.
- The most important thing is to be who you are on the inside.
- Before you move to a new place, you should learn all about it.

13. Compare Two Stories

It's true that the legend behind this fast century, a priest named once lived on the snake into the celebrates this saint.

10. Compare Two Stories

These were his son, Icarus. "Be careful not to wax and the wings will fall apart." The two donned their wings and began their escape from island. Icarus was good at flying, and he enjoyed the sensation. He flew higher and higher, until melted wax began to drip from his wings. All of a sudden, he fell through the air and crashed into the sea.

Which theme do these stories have in common?

- Flying is dangerous.
- Obey what you are told.
- Selfishness is evil.
- Gifts are not always what they seem.

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 seats.
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 them. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
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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Write or summarize two short stories that share a common theme.



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Answer Key

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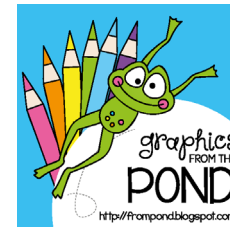


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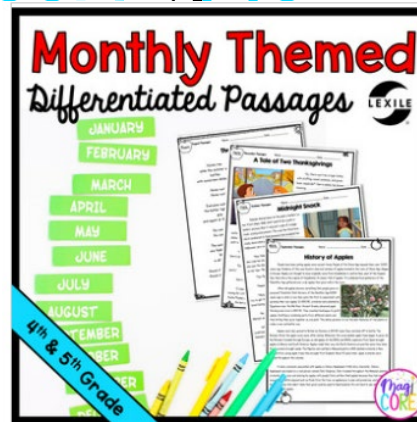



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