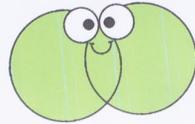


# COMPARE TWO STORIES

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4th & 5th GRADE

## Compare & Contrast Themes and Topics



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# 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.

## 1. Compare Two Stories

Country Mouse eyed the delicious spread of pastries and cakes on the table. Even though the family had finished dining, there was plenty left over to satisfy a mouse. It was just as his cousin Town Mouse had promised. Just as Country Mouse reached for a crumb, the family's cat came pouncing into the room. Town Mouse had never mentioned a cat!

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?**

- 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.



## 2. Compare Two Stories

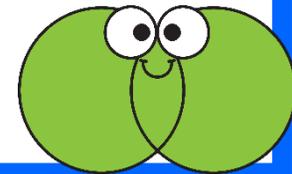
"These wings are held together with wax," Daedalus explained to his son, Icarus. "Be careful not to fly too high, or the sun will melt the wax and the wings will fall apart."

The two donned their wings and began their escape from the 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.

Prometheus had warned his brother never to accept a gift from Zeus, king of the gods. When Zeus offered a beautiful woman to marry, Epimetheus forgot all about his brother's advice. Epimetheus took Pandora's hand in marriage, along with the mysterious box she carried. One day, out of curiosity, Pandora opened the box to see what was inside. All the world's evils came out and have plagued man ever since.

**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.





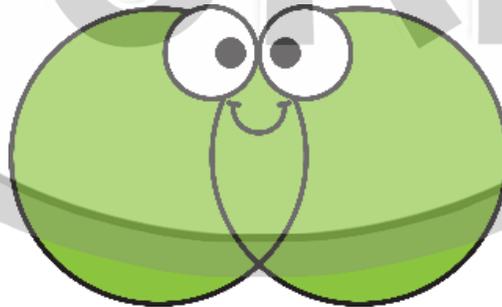
## Compare Two Stories Challenge

Write or summarize two short stories that share a common theme.



# Compare & Contrast

## Themes and Topics



# Answer Key

(Lexile 740-1155)

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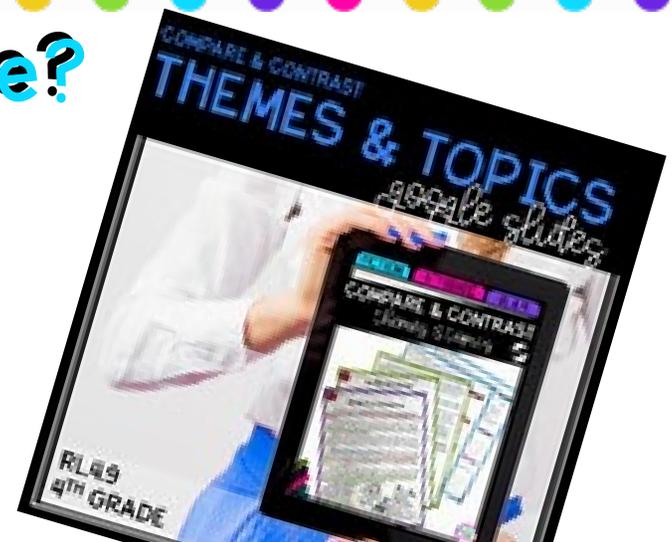
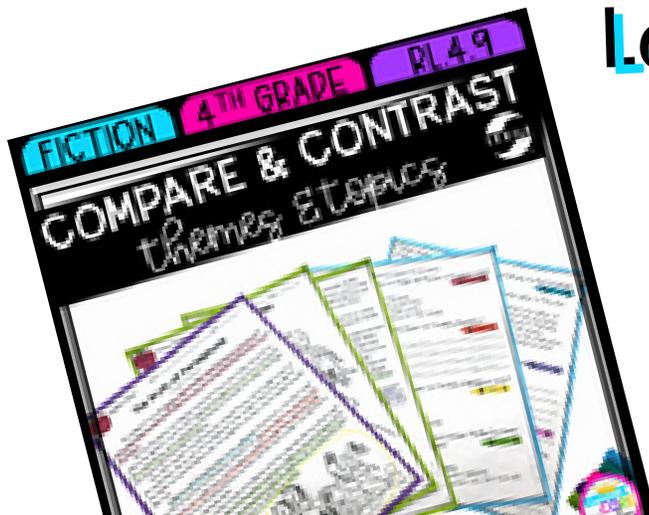


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