

Comparing Themes Across Two Texts

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to compare the themes of two different stories and explain their similarities and differences.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Two short stories, fables, or movies the student knows well
- paper
- ruler
- pencil
- colored pencils

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Choose two stories/movies you know well (they can be very different genres).
2. Using a ruler, draw two overlapping circles (a Venn diagram) filling most of the page.
3. Label each circle with a story title. In the non-overlapping areas, write each story's theme and one key piece of evidence for it.
4. In the overlapping middle section, write what the two themes have in common (even if the stories are very different).
5. Color-code matching ideas in both circles using the same color so the connection is visually clear.

QUESTIONS

1. What are the two themes you compared, one from each story?
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2. What do the two themes have in common, even though the stories are different?
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3. How do the two stories differ in how they deliver a similar message?
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4. Which story delivered its theme more effectively, in your opinion, and why?
