



Comparing Texts

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence:

A poem and a news article about the ocean give readers the exact same information.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: Fiction texts are always more interesting than nonfiction texts on the same topic.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence:

A biography and a historical fiction novel about the same person contain identical facts.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A _____ is a category of text, such as poetry, fiction, or informational writing.
2. A nonfiction article about volcanoes presents _____, while a myth about volcanoes tells an imaginary story.
3. Comparing genres helps readers understand how different types of writing _____ information.
4. A personal _____ uses first-person perspective, while an encyclopedia entry uses third person.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Text A is a science article explaining how tornadoes form. Text B is a short story about a family surviving a tornado. How does the genre change what readers learn?

2. Why might an author choose to write a poem about space instead of an informational article?

Answer Key · Comparing Texts · Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence:

A poem and a news article about the ocean give readers the exact same information.

Rewrite: A poem and a news article about the ocean present information differently because they belong to different genres.

2. Fix the sentence: Fiction texts are always more interesting than nonfiction texts on the same topic.

Rewrite: Fiction and nonfiction texts each offer different strengths when exploring the same topic.

3. Fix the sentence:

A biography and a historical fiction novel about the same person contain identical facts.

Rewrite: A biography presents verified facts, while a historical fiction novel may include invented details alongside real events.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A genre is a category of text, such as poetry, fiction, or informational writing.
2. A nonfiction article about volcanoes presents facts, while a myth about volcanoes tells an imaginary story.
3. Comparing genres helps readers understand how different types of writing communicate information.
4. A personal narrative uses first-person perspective, while an encyclopedia entry uses third person.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Text A is a science article explaining how tornadoes form. Text B is a short story about a family surviving a tornado. How does the genre change what readers learn?

The science article teaches readers about the causes and conditions of tornadoes, while the short story helps readers understand what it feels like to experience one. Each genre provides a different kind of understanding.