



Comparing Texts

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- D) The science text and the poem have nothing in common

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- A) Text A helps readers experience what life felt like, while Text B provides verified historical facts
- B) Text A is always more accurate because novels require more research
- C) Text B cannot be trusted because textbooks are boring
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4. Why might a reader benefit from reading both a memoir and a documentary script about the same historical event?

- A) Because one will always be wrong and the other right
- B) Because the memoir offers personal emotion and memory, while the documentary provides broader facts and multiple viewpoints
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Part B: Fill in the Blank

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