



Comparing Texts

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- B) Which text is longer
- C) Whether the source has a financial interest in the reader's decision
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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

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3. An author who profits from a product they write about may have a financial bias.