Objective
The student will identify similarities and differences between stories.

Materials
- Narrative texts
  - Choose text within students’ instructional-independent reading level range.
  - Select two short stories that students can compare.
- Compare-A-Story student sheet
- Pencils

Activity
Students identify similarities and differences of story details by using a graphic organizer.
1. Place texts at the center. Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Students select one of the two texts and read it. Write the story title and author of the text on the graphic organizer in the designated areas.
3. Discuss story elements of each story. Decide which are unique to each story and which are the same.
4. Record the answers under the corresponding story title or shared area.
5. Continue until all story elements are discussed and recorded.
6. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Read both stories and complete student sheet without partner.
- Use other graphic organizers.
- Use Venn Diagram to describe and compare the elements and characteristics of pairs of events, people, ideas, or concepts.
Name

Compare-A-Story

How are they alike?

Story #1

Story #2

How are they different?