



Compare-A-Story

Objective

The student will identify similarities and differences between stories.

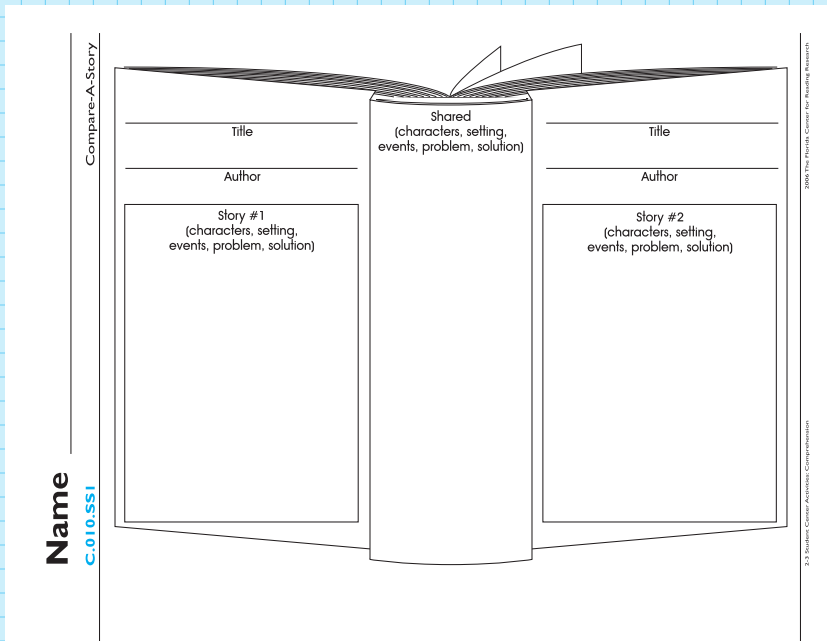
Materials

- ▶ Narrative texts
*Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.
Select two short stories that students can compare.*
- ▶ Compare-A-Story student sheet (Activity Master C.010.SS1)
- ▶ 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



The graphic organizer is a student sheet titled "Compare-A-Story" with the code "C.010.SS1". It is designed to look like an open book. The central spine area is labeled "Shared (characters, setting, events, problem, solution)". On either side of the spine are two pages. Each page has a section for "Title" and "Author". Below these are two large rectangular boxes labeled "Story #1 (characters, setting, events, problem, solution)" and "Story #2 (characters, setting, events, problem, solution)". On the left side of the sheet, there is a vertical line for the student's "Name".

Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Read both stories and complete student sheet without partner.
- ▶ Use other graphic organizers (Activity Master C.010.SS2).
- ▶ Use Venn Diagram to describe and compare the elements and characteristics of pairs of events, people, ideas, or concepts (Activity Master V.026.SS).

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Story #1
(characters, setting,
events, problem, solution)

Title

Author

Shared
(characters, setting,
events, problem, solution)

Story #2
(characters, setting,
events, problem, solution)

Title

Author

Name _____

How are they alike?



Story #1 _____

Story #2 _____



How are they different?