Compare and Contrast Fictional Stories:



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Directions: Complete the chart with information from both fiction texts.

	Differences Story 1	Similarities	Differences Story 2
Characters What character traits do they have in common? What traits are different?	Denise was nervous about her first day of school.	The girls were both friendly. They both wanted to have friends. Both girls felt nervous on their first days at a new school.	Nina was excited to make the new girl her friend. She was the kind of girl who wanted others to feel happy and comfortable.
Setting How is the setting from Story 1 different from Story 2? How are the settings the same?		The setting was at the school in both stories.	
Problem How is the character's problem in Story 1 similar to the character's problem in Story 2?	Denise's problem was that it was her first day at the new school.		Nina's problem was that she tries to figure out how to make the new girl her friend and she missed the math lesson.
Major Events What parts of the plot in the stories are similar or different?	Denise focused on the math lesson instead of worrying about being the new girl.	Denise and Nina both enjoyed meeting each other and talking at lunch.	Nina focused on making Denise her friend instead of worrying about the math lesson.
Resolution What did the characters do at the end of the story to solve the problems? How are the solutions the same or different?	Denise asked a girl in her class to help her find a seat at lunch.	Both girls asked for help.	Nina asked the new girl for help to get caught up with the math that she missed.
Theme What lesson does the character learn in Story 1? How is this the same or different from the lesson learned in Story 2?	Denise learned that sometimes good things come when you least expect it.	Both girls learned a lesson by becoming friends with each other.	Nina learned that it is important to be kind to others who might be going through a hard time.

Answer Key