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Compare & Contrast Supporting Characters

ANSWERS

Part 1: Read the text with the maid, Martha, from *The Secret Garden*. Then complete the table with information about the character from the excerpt.

Excerpt from The Secret Garden

"Yes, that I do," answered Martha, cheerfully polishing away at the grate. "I just love it. It's none bare. It's covered with growin' things as smells sweet. It's fair lovely in spring an' summer when the gorse an' broom an' heather's in flower. It smells of honey an' there's such a lot of fresh air -- an' the sky looks so high an' the bees an' skylarks makes such a nice noise hummin' an' singin'. Eh! I wouldn't live away from the moor for anythin'."

	Character's Location	Character's Thoughts	Character's Actions
Write your evidence from the text.	live away from the moor	I just love it. It's none bare. It's covered with growin' things as smells sweet.	cheerfully polishing away at the grate. "I wouldn't live away from the moor for anythin'."
Reword the information in your own words.	Martha mentions a moor, which is a place that is wet and filled with vegetation.	She loves the moor because it has a lot of smells and growing plants.	She is happy while she cleans a grate. She does not want to live far away from the moor.

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Part 2: Read the text with the busy Rabbit from Alice and Wonderland. Then complete the table with information about Rabbit based on the excerpt.

Excerpt from Alice and Wonderland

"...suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. There was nothing so VERY remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so VERY much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!' (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually TOOK A WATCH OUT OF ITS WAISTCOAT-POCKET, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge."

	Character's Location	Character's Thoughts	Character's Actions
Write your evidence from the text.	she ran across the field pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge	'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!'	the Rabbit say to itself Rabbit actually TOOK A WATCH OUT OF ITS WAISTCOAT-POCKET, and looked at it, and then hurried on pop down a large rabbit-hole
Reword the information in your own words.	The location is in a field that has a hedge, which is a long bush that looks like a wall.	Rabbit does not want to be late. He is worried that he will be late.	The rabbit is a talking rabbit that does not want to be late because he's hurrying. He is also small because he fits in a rabbit hole.

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Part 3: Use the information from the character tables above to compare and contrast Martha and the Rabbit.

	Similarities	Differences
Places	Both characters live in places near wildlife, like a rabbit-hole, hedges, or a moor.	Rabbit jumps into holes, whereas Martha works in a house.
Character's Thoughts		Martha shared her joy and appreciation for the moor, while Rabbit was concerned about being late.
Character's Actions	Both characters were doing something in the text.	Rabbit was rushing as to not be late while Martha was cleaning and talking to Mary.

Part 4: Complete the paragraph frame, comparing and contrasting Martha and the Rabbit. Use the words from the table to fill in the blanks.

	Word Box		
characters in a story	maid	Ь	eing late
her love for t	he moor	animal	

Even though Martha and Rabbit are similar because they b	ooth are characters in a	story	
, they have differences. Rabbit is an	animal		that talks about
being late	, whereas Martha is a	maid	