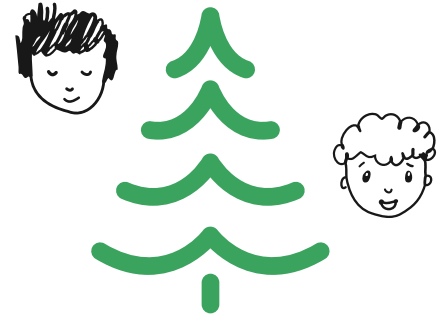



COMPARING TWO NONFICTION TEXTS:

Planting and Growing



Directions: Complete the graphic organizer below with information from the informational texts on pages 1 and 2.

	Text 1 Differences	Similarities	Text 2 Differences
Topic: What topic is being explored in these two texts? How are the topics different?	The text focuses on how trees and plants are beneficial.	Both texts are about plants and trees.	This text focuses on plants and community gardens.
Main Idea: What is the main idea or main focus of each of the texts?	Planting more vegetation is important for humans and the environment.	Trees and plants offer benefits to people and to the environment.	Community gardens offer widespread benefits to those who create and use them.
Supporting Details: List at least two details that the texts have in common. List at least two details that are different in the texts.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trees provide shade, which keeps energy costs down in a house. 2. Trees absorb sound, which reduces noise pollution. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trees and plants provide food for people. 2. Trees and plants improve the health of people and of the environment. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community gardens are a place for people to gather. 2. A community garden at a school can help kids learn how to tend to plants.
<p>Written Response: Write a letter to your principal about why your school should have a gardening club. Use details from both texts to support your opinion.</p> 	<p>Student answers will vary.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		