

COMPARING TWO NONFICTION TEXTS

THE INFLUENCE OF WATER

Use the information on page 1 to complete the graphic organizer below.

	DIFFERENCES: TEXT 1	SIMILARITIES	DIFFERENCES: TEXT 2
<p>TOPIC: What topic is being explored in these two texts? How are the topics different?</p>	<p>water's influence on cattails</p>	<p>water's influence</p>	<p>water's influence on cacti</p>
<p>MAIN IDEA: What is the main idea or main focus of each of the texts?</p>	<p>Cattails need water to survive and grow, but too much water is harmful.</p>	<p>Water plays an important role in the plant's survival.</p>	<p>A cactus needs very little water to survive.</p>
<p>SUPPORTING DETAILS: List at least two details that the texts have in common. List at least two details that are different in the texts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live in areas that are very wet • survive in shallow ponds or shallow areas of lakes with plenty of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when they get too much water, the plants could die • can live in extreme conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live in areas that are very dry • survive on very little water
<p>WRITTEN RESPONSE: Think about the type of area in which you live. Which type of plant, if either, would survive best? Use details from the text to support your response.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student answers will vary.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		