



COMPARING AND CONTRASTING IN THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Answer the following questions about the two passages from *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.



1. What are the **similarities** between the two passages? List at least **three**.

BOTH MEETINGS

- The Witch gives Edmund food and drink.
- The Dwarf delivers the food and drink to Edmund at the Witch's request.
- The Dwarf smiles but not kindly.
- Edmund speaks cautiously to the Witch.

2. What details from the two passages show the **differences** between Edmund's first and second meetings with the Witch? Consider the characters' words, actions, and attitudes, as well as details about the setting and tone of each passage. List at least **three** differences.

FIRST MEETING

- The Witch calls Edmund "my poor child."
- Edmund meets the Witch out in the snow, and she invites him into the sledge. She tucks him into her fur blanket.
- The Witch welcomes Edmund and offers him whatever he wants to eat.
- Edmund gets a sweet, warm, foamy drink in a jeweled cup and sweet, light Turkish delight with a silk bow.
- The Dwarf bows to Edmund and smiles. Even though it's not a very nice smile, he acts polite.

SECOND MEETING

- The Witch calls Edmund a fool and a brat.
- Edmund goes to the Witch's castle and has to sit on the ground.
- The Witch ignores Edmund, and when he works up the courage to ask for Turkish delight, she responds harshly.
- Edmund gets a hunk of dry bread and water in an iron cup and bowl.
- The Dwarf grins at Edmund in a repulsive manner and mocks and laughs at him.

3. Look at the words below. Underline the words that best describe Edmund's first meeting with the Witch. Circle the words that best describe his second meeting with her.

enchanting frightening gracious harsh hostile pleasant uncomfortable warm

4. Based on the passages, what can you infer about Edmund's thoughts about the Witch after their first and second meetings? Describe how his thoughts are similar and different between the two meetings. After the first meeting, Edmund likely thinks the Witch is good and kind because she offers him food, drink, and warmth from the cold. After their second meeting, Edmund likely thinks the Witch is cruel because she calls him a brat and a fool, and she only gives him stale bread and water. After both meetings, Edmund likely thinks the Witch is powerful because she can create food and drink with a potion, even though she chooses not to in their second meeting.