

Compare and Contrast: Fictional and Historical Accounts

Use the organizer below to take notes about a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and a historical account of the same period.



Historical Period: _____	
Fictional Account	Historical Account
Title: _____	Title: _____
Author: _____	Author: _____
Time: <i>When are the events taking place? When was the account written?</i>	
Place: <i>Where is the story happening? How does the setting affect the narrative?</i>	
Character: <i>Whose perspective is centered in the narrative?</i>	
Similarities: <i>What details are the same between the two accounts?</i>	
Differences: <i>What key differences exist between the two accounts?</i>	

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Now use your notes to help you answer the questions below.

1. Think about the purpose of each text. How are the purposes similar or different?

2. Cite some specific historical details used in the fictional narrative. What purpose do these details serve?

3. How does the author of the fictional account alter history? Why might they have made those changes?

4. What are the benefits of historical accounts? What are some possible weaknesses?

5. What are the benefits of fictional accounts of historical events? What are some possible weaknesses?
