

Compare and Contrast

Written vs. Audio/Visual Forms of a Text

A text can be presented in different formats. It can be in a written version that you read, or it can be in a format that you listen to or watch. Choose two versions of one piece of text (e.g., a written fairy tale and a film version of the story, or a written biography and its audiobook form). While you read, listen to, or watch each version, use this organizer to keep track of the similarities and differences between the two experiences.

Reading	Listening / Viewing
Title: _____	Title: _____ Version: Audio Video Live
Visual Experience <i>What did you "see"?</i>	
Auditory Experience <i>What did you "hear"?</i>	
Similarities <i>How was your experience similar between the two versions?</i>	
Differences <i>How did your experience differ between the two versions?</i>	

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Now use your notes from the graphic organizer to answer the questions below.

1. How does reading a text compare to watching or listening to the audio or video version?

2. What feelings did each version evoke in you? Are there any major similarities or differences?

3. What changes, if any, were made in the different versions of the text? How did that impact your perception?

4. Which version was more enjoyable for you? What made it more enjoyable for you?
