



READING COMPREHENSION

Compare Similar Stories

When you compare two fiction texts, pay attention to the CHARACTERS, SETTING, and PLOT. What do the stories have in common? What is different about the stories?



DIRECTIONS: Read the texts below and answer the questions on page 2.

Text 1

Elias was assigned a big project in his social studies class. He did not want to complete it. He knew it was a lot of work. He thought the project would be boring. Elias had two weeks until the due date. Elias could have gone home and started the project. Instead, he put it off. He went skateboarding with his friends at the park, and he played video games with his brother. When his mom suggested he clean his room, Elias happily cleaned. He chose to do anything other than the project.

Elias suddenly panicked as he remembered the due date. The project was due tomorrow! He hadn't even started. He was too afraid to tell his mom. She would not be happy about this.

Immediately, Elias wished that he had been more responsible.

Text 2

Anita and the alarm clock were not friends. Each morning she groaned as the alarm clock buzzed. Her morning routine included hitting the snooze button four or five times. Then her dad would come in and announce that she was running out of time and she needed to get up immediately. It was the same thing every day.

"If you don't get moving right now, you're going to miss the bus," dad stated. "Then I'm going to have to drive you to school. I'll miss my morning meeting at work." The stern look on his face told Anita that he was not playing around.

Anita dragged herself out of bed and went through the motions of getting ready for school. As she grabbed her breakfast and backpack, she heard the roar of the school bus as it passed her house.

Anita had officially missed the bus.



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1. How is Elias different from Anita?

2. How is Elias's problem similar to Anita's problem?

3. a. What lesson does Anita learn in Text 2?

b. How is this the same as the lesson Elias learned in Text 1?

4. How are the settings in Text 1 and Text 2 the same?
