

# Comparing and Contrasting in Nonfiction: Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

Choose one text from at least two of the genres listed above (e.g., one biography and one memoir). These two texts should be about the same person. While you read each text, use this organizer to keep track of the similarities and differences between the two genres. Then answer the questions on the next page.

<b>Subject's Name:</b> _____					
<b>Text 1</b>			<b>Text 2</b>		
<b>Title:</b> _____			<b>Title:</b> _____		
<b>Genre:</b> Biography    Autobiography    Memoir			<b>Genre:</b> Biography    Autobiography    Memoir		
<b>Point of View</b>					
First Person	Second Person	Third Person	First Person	Second Person	Third Person
<b>Scope</b> <i>What is the timeline or focus of this text?</i>					
<b>Similarities</b> <i>What events and details appear in both of the texts?</i>					
<b>Differences</b> <i>What details or perspectives differ between the two texts?</i>					

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Now use what you've learned about these similar nonfiction genres to answer the questions below.

**1. How are specific events treated differently between the genres?**

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

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**3. What overall themes appear in each text? Are there any major similarities or differences?**

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**4. Which text is probably more accurate and reliable? Why?**

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**5. Which text or genre was more enjoyable to read? What made it more enjoyable for you?**

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