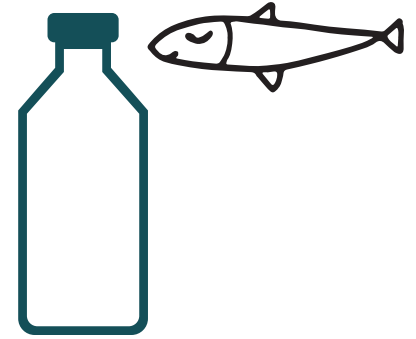


## COMPARING TWO NONFICTION TEXTS:

# We Need Clean Water



**Directions:** Read the informational texts on pages 1 and 2, then complete the graphic organizer on page 3.

## Text 1

Do you drink enough water each day? Our bodies need water to survive. Our bodies are mostly made up of water. We need to replenish, or replace, water each day. The human body uses water in many ways.

Water keeps the body's temperature normal. It helps move waste through the body. It helps keep our joints, like our elbows, knees, and shoulders, moving smoothly. Every cell in our body needs water so it can keep working properly.

We are hydrated when we drink enough water. If we don't drink enough water, our bodies become dehydrated. When this happens, our bodies stop working properly.

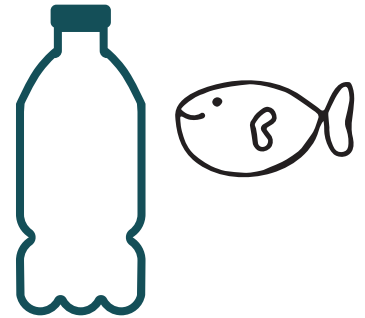
Water helps our bodies in other ways, too. It helps with headaches, and it helps us feel more energized. Also, it helps us to not overeat. Sometimes we think that we are hungry, but we are really just thirsty. When we drink enough water, it helps us to maintain, or keep, a healthy weight.

Water is also helpful with bad breath and bad moods. There are many important benefits of water. Our bodies need clean water to survive, so it is our job to drink enough each day.

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## Text 2

Contaminated water is unclean water. It is not safe to drink. It has toxins, or dangerous poison, in it. Did you know that there is water all over the world that is contaminated? People drink this poisonous water because they do not know that it is contaminated.

In 2014, the town of Flint, Michigan, changed their water source. They used to get water from Lake Huron. It was changed to the Flint River in 2014. They did this to save money.

However, people in Flint said that the water smelled and tasted funny. They also said it looked funny. The city investigated and realized that the water was not completely clean. They tried to fix it by adding chlorine to the water. They also flushed the pipes. At times, they told the residents, or people living there, to boil the water before drinking it. After that, they said it was safe to drink.

This continued into 2015. The city investigated and warned the people that the water might have some problems. There were toxins in the water that cause cancer. Children began getting sick with rashes and strange illnesses. Parents and other residents were concerned and tried to talk to the government about the problem.

Researchers found that the water had lead in it. Lead is found in pipes and other fixtures in older homes. Lead is a toxic metal that is harmful to health. It is especially harmful to children. Humans should not have any exposure to lead at all.

It took over a year for the government to take this water problem seriously. In 2016, the National Guard brought bottled water to the people of Flint. It was too unsafe for them to drink water out of the faucet.

Many of the people from Flint, Michigan, are dealing with illnesses from the bad drinking water in their city. They are asking the government to help them.


Safe, clean drinking water is important for human beings. Our bodies need water to survive and to be healthy. Water keeps every part of our bodies working properly, and it must be safe water with no toxins.

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**Directions:** Complete the graphic organizer below with information from the informational texts on pages 1 and 2.

	Text 1 Differences	Similarities	Text 2 Differences
<p><b>Topic:</b> What topic is being explored in these two texts? How are the topics different?</p>			
<p><b>Main Idea:</b> What is the main idea or main focus of each of the texts?</p>			
<p><b>Supporting Details:</b> List at least two details that the texts have in common. List at least two details that are different in the texts.</p>			
<p><b>Written Response:</b> Which text would be better to find information about why drinking water is a healthy choice?</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		