

Comparing Two Nonfiction Texts: What to Do with Waste

Directions: Using two informational texts on the same topic, complete the graphic organizer.

Text 1:

If someone asks how you can make the environment a better place, what do you say? A common answer is: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. There are many organizations that help us do those things. They help us throw trash into garbage cans instead of on the ground. They help us remember to turn off the lights when we are not using them. There are groups that help us donate clothing so that it can be reused by someone else who needs it.

But have you ever wondered what happens to the used soap after a guest stays in a hotel room? Instead of letting it go into the trash, Eco Soap Bank recycles it for people who need it.

Soap is an important part of good hygiene. It prevents disease, but many places around the world do not have soap. These communities have more sickness than other communities. Eco Soap Bank has the goal of helping these places have access to soap in order to improve health.

Eco Soap Bank collects used soap and sanitizes, or cleans, it. The organization makes it into new soap. They donate the new soap to hospitals. The Eco Soap Bank gives soap to schools, communities, and clinics. They also give it to other groups of people that are working in countries where soap is needed. Together, they make sure the people have the education and materials they need. Then they can have good hygiene and health. The groups train the communities how to correctly wash their hands. Good hand washing helps the communities stay safe against diseases and sicknesses.

Recycling makes our world a better place. People can help out in many different ways. There are organizations that focus on different parts of recycling. Each one helps the environment and world be a healthier place.

Text 2:

From a young age, we are taught that littering is bad. We learn that the 3 R's are Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. They are etched in our brains. We know that we should be kind to our environment. But what else do we know?

There are many organizations that have the goal of keeping our world a beautiful place. Keep America Beautiful is an organization that educates people about how to take action. They teach us how to keep communities green and healthy places for people to live. Keep America Beautiful inspires people to help out. They get people excited about helping.

Keep America Beautiful has three major goals.

1. End Littering
2. Improve Recycling
3. Beautify America's Communities

End Littering

Litter is when trash is thrown onto the ground instead of into a trash can. Litter makes an area look and smell bad, and it is harmful in more ways. Litter often ends up in the ocean, which is dangerous for sea life. Litter is expensive to clean up. Keep America Beautiful wants to teach people how to end littering.

Improve Recycling

To make recycling successful, Keep America Beautiful wants to teach people why it is important. They want people to know that they should care about recycling and how to do it. They want recycling to be easy for people at home, at work, and while they are out and about. Recycling should be convenient for people.



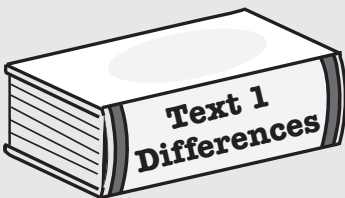
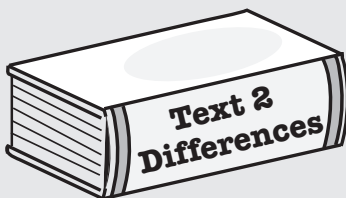
Beautify America's Communities

A beautiful community is one that is green and full of growth. Keep America Beautiful works to plant seeds and trees. They create community gardens that grow fruits and vegetables. Efforts to save forests, reduce graffiti, and prevent plant disease are all part of the Keep America Beautiful mission.

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		Similarities	
Topic What topic is being explored in these two texts? How are the topics different?			
Main Idea What is the main idea or main focus of each of the texts?			
Supporting Details List at least two details that the texts have in common. List at least two details that are different in the texts.			
Written Response: Which text would be better to find information about how you can help keep the environment healthy?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		