



THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN: FACT VS. FICTION



Katherine Applegate’s *The One and Only Ivan* is based on a true story. While the novel includes some real people, places, and events, some parts of the story are fiction. Explore which parts of Ivan’s story are fact and which are fiction by reading a nonfiction book about Ivan’s life.

Compare Ivan’s story as it’s told in *The One and Only Ivan* and *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*, both written by Katherine Applegate. Complete the graphic organizer, and then answer the questions that follow.

	Information only in <i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Information in both stories	Information only in <i>Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla</i>
Early life in the wild			
Life with humans and at the mall			
New home at the zoo			



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Now use your knowledge of both stories to answer the questions below.

1. What are three examples of fictional events that happen in *The One and Only Ivan*?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

2. Ivan makes a few transitions during his life. He goes from the jungle to Mac's house, then from Mac's house to the mall, and finally from the mall to the zoo. Choose one of the transitions and compare how it is detailed in each book.

3. What difference between the books surprises you the most? Why?

4. Which book was more enjoyable for you? What made it a more enjoyable story?

5. Art plays an important role in *The One and Only Ivan*, but art is only a small part of Ivan's story in *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*. Why do you think Katherine Applegate made art such a big part of the story in her fiction novel?
