

The Similarities in the Stories



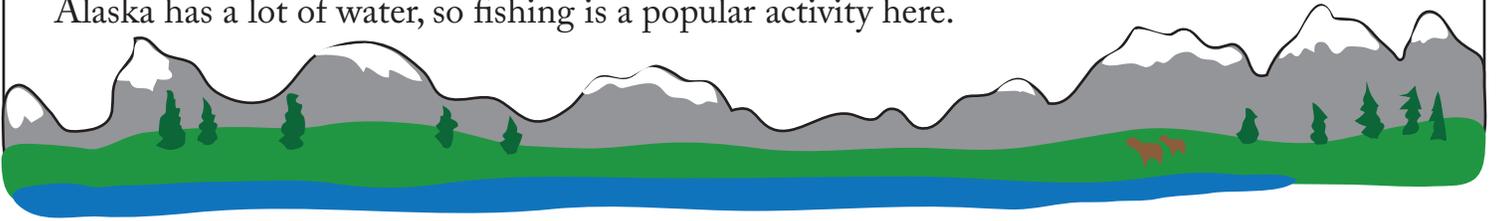
Directions: Read the texts below. Pay attention to the similarities and differences between the two stories.

My name is Millie, and I currently live in Alaska. Alaska is the largest state in the United States, but there are not many people that live here. We do have a lot of visitors, but people do not choose to make Alaska their home because it is a very cold state for most of the year.

I love living in Alaska, though! Winter is my favorite, so the cold weather and snow do not bother me. It's a really quiet life that we have here. We go to school and we participate in other normal activities like most other kids.

My dad works in the oil business. It is a really popular type of job to have here in Alaska. Other Alaskans use the water that surrounds this state to find fish. With the vast amount of water, fishing is a popular activity in this beautiful state.

The mountains are beautiful to look at. We also like to hike when the weather is nice enough. There are so many amazing animals that live here, and they are so peaceful to watch. Alaska has a lot of water, so fishing is a popular activity here.

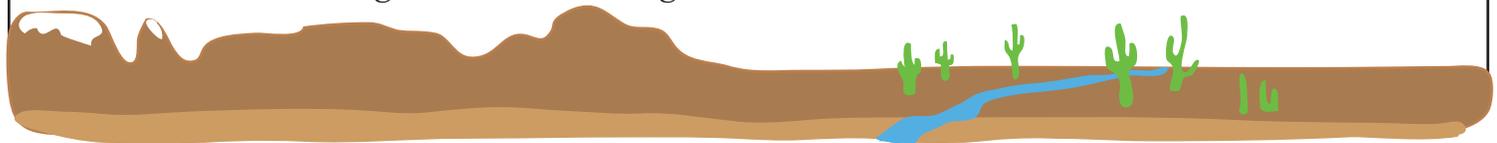


My name is Barrett and I'm a Texan. That means that I am from Texas, which is one of the biggest states in the country. There are a lot of people who live in this state. It's also ranked second in terms of the size of land.

The cities and towns in Texas are very spread out. There is a lot to do here. Many people live in the cities, and many people live in more rural areas. My dad works in the oil business, and we live in the suburbs of Houston. I really enjoy spending time outside when I'm not in school. It is warm for most of the year. The summers are hot, but that doesn't bother me. I play in the pool and sometimes go to the beaches at the Gulf of Mexico. A lot of fishermen make a living by catching fish in the waters off the coast. What a cool job!

The land in Texas is mostly flat, but there are some mountains in west Texas. One time my family went on a road trip to California, and we drove through west Texas. I saw an armadillo! It was so cool to see one in real life.

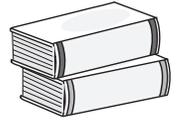
Texas isn't always an extremely hot place. Certain parts of the state get snowfall in the winter. It makes living in Texas fun. We get both hot and cold weather.



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Directions: Complete the chart with information from the two texts.

	Similarities
Characters What character traits do they have in common? What traits are different?	
Setting How is the setting from Story 1 different from Story 2? How are the settings the same?	
Lifestyle How are the characters' lives similar?	
Other information What other information is similar between the two stories?	

Directions: Answer the following question. Be sure to use complete sentences as you write your answer on the lines below.

What are some similar life experiences that Millie and Barrett might face even though they live in very different places? Use details from the text to support your answer.
