

# Comparing Books in a Series

Series Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Select a series that has at least four books that you can examine for this activity and keep them handy at your workspace. Write the title of the series at the top and fill out the title and author of each book. Then, examine the book - you don't need to read the whole thing. Read the back, the first few pages, and a few pages in between to look for clues to record the location, time period, main characters, and problem in each story.

Title of Book	Author	Genre	Location of Story	Time Period	Problem
		Fantasy Science Fiction Realistic Fiction Historical Fiction	What can you tell about the location of the majority of the story? What country? What state? What land, village, or planet? What place? (e.g. Hogwarts)	Modern Historical Futuristic	What is the basic problem in the story that needs to be solved?

## Reflection and Connection

1. What was difficult about this activity?
2. Look at the data that you collected about the books in that series. What patterns do you see? What other observations can you make?
3. How are books in a series similar and different to individual novels?
4. If you were a published author, do you think you would want to write individual novels or books in a series? Why?