

COMPARE FIRSTHAND & SECONDHAND ACCOUNTS

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Passage 1

Sadie Frowne was thirteen when she arrived in America with her mother. They had left their native Poland after the death of Sadie's father and the failure of the small grocery store that provided them a living. The two made their way to America with the help of Sadie's aunt Fanny, who lived in New York City. Sadie's mother soon died, and Sadie was left on her own.

Passage 2

"We came by steerage on a steamship in a very dark place that smelt dreadfully. There were hundreds of other people packed in with us, men, women, and children, and almost all of them were sick. It took us twelve days to cross the sea, and we thought we should die, but at last the voyage was over, and we came up and saw the beautiful bay and the big woman with the spikes on her head and the lamp that is lighted at night in her hand." -Sadie Frowne.

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Which of these best describes the difference in focus between the accounts?

Passage 2 focuses on the challenges of the journey, whereas passage 1 focuses on Sadie's family.

Passage 2 focuses on the Statue of Liberty, whereas passage 1 focuses on Sadie's family.

Passage 1 focuses on the death of Sadie's father, whereas passage 2 focuses on how badly the boat smelled.

Passage 1 focuses on American history, whereas passage 2 focuses only on Sadie.



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Only twelve humans (the crews of Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17) have ever walked on the moon's surface. Because the moon's gravity is only one-sixth that of the Earth's gravity, Apollo astronauts had to tread carefully or else risk stumbling or falling. They ultimately perfected a bouncing gait and bunny hops to walk along the lunar surface.

Passage 2

"They took their first steps onto the moon cautiously, like prudent boys testing the first ice of winter on a country pond. When first they walked, they walked carefully and slowly, leaning forward, plodding heavily like tired, old cops. As they acquired confidence, they walked faster, now with a slow bounce in the one-sixth gravity of the moon. And then they ran, and their stride was longer than on Earth and their shoes seemed suspended off the strange lunar surface, with something of the floating quality of figures on slow-motion films." —Saul Pett, AP social correspondent, as published in the *Miami News*, July 21, 1969.

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The passages both agree that: (Choose all that apply.)

The moon was icy and cold

The astronauts needed to get acclimated to walking on the moon's surface

Only twelve humans have ever walked on the surface of the moon

Astronauts walked carefully when they first started walking on the surface of the moon

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A twelve-year-old girl landed a world-record tuna after a two-hour battle last week in Northumberland Strait in Nova Scotia. Jenna Gavin reeled in a 618-pound Atlantic tuna and smashed the previous world-record tuna for a junior girl, much to the disbelief of the boys at her school. Gavin's world-record tuna is pending approval by the IGFA, though there is little reason to believe it won't confirm the record. The current (and soon-to-be previous) world record for junior girls (ages eleven to sixteen) was 431 pounds by Andrea George in Sausset, France, in August 2002.

Passage 2

"When I was sitting in the [fighting] chair, I was extremely nervous. I was scared for when he bit. It was so amazing to feel his every move and to be able to get to feel him pulling with all his strength against you. I mean, it did hurt, yes it did, but it felt so cool. I was really shocked to see how big he was. Like, he was so big. Like, I mean, he didn't weigh that much, but he was really big." –Jenna Gavin

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What information was in Passage 1 that was not in Passage 2? (Choose all that apply.)

The weight of the fish

Information about the fish breaking a record

Information about how difficult it was to reel in the fish

A description about how it felt to reel in the fish