

COMPARE & CONTRAST Lesson



Let's Listen!

Listen to the story *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews. Describe the protagonist, setting, and theme.



protagonist

setting

theme

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stories in the same genre

- Genres are different types of writing that share common elements.
- Libraries and book stores often sort books by genres.

Genre	Common Protagonists	Common Settings	Common Themes
 ACTION & ADVENTURE	pirates, treasure hunters, explorers, spies, knights, adventurers	jungles, deserts, seas, wild frontiers, castles, exotic locations	treasure hunts, expeditions, quests, medieval, warring parties, trapped, abandoned, kidnapped, lost, disasters
 FANTASY	royalty, talking animals, magical creatures	impossible settings, made-up lands, castles	magic, good vs. evil, love, friendships, perseverance
 HISTORICAL FICTION	realistic people, historical figures	the past	important time periods or events in history, heroism, coming of age, patriotism



Day 2 Instructions:



- Review the anchor chart about details to look for when comparing & contrasting stories in the same genre.
- Listen to the two stories from the same genre. Work together to describe the protagonists, settings, and themes of the two stories.
- Complete the chart to show how the stories are similar and different. Use your observations to determine the genre of the two stories.

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MYSTERY	detectives, suspects, victims, witnesses	everyday settings	missing objects or people, secrets, unexplained events
SCIENCE FICTION	aliens, scientists, supernatural creatures, robots	the future, space,	technology, space flights, time travel, aliens
REALISTIC FICTION	realistic people, relatable	present, everyday settings such as home and school	friendship, love, morality

Ask Yourself:

1. How are the protagonists similar or different?
2. How are the settings similar or different?
3. How are the plots similar or different?
4. What similar topics and themes do the stories address?



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historical figures

Common Themes:
trapped, abandoned,
kidnapped

Common Protagonists:
detectives, victims,
witnesses

Common Themes:
technology, time travel

Common Settings:
Everyday settings such
as home & school

Common Settings:
made-up lands, castles

