WEEK-LONG FOCUS

Compare the details collected from two texts/authors on the same topic.

ROUND 2 • 7 days

Readers collect important ideas found in 2 texts on the same topic.

Use the anchor chart to review Steps 1-2 for comparing story elements on a T-Chart.

- · Introduce this same process for comparing information from two nonfiction texts.
- · Unlike fiction, nonfiction texts do not have a universal set of comparison categories; they are always different because the text topics are different. Layer the "pink" categories over the black ones on the anchor chart.

Category

Category

Category

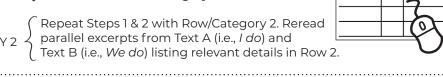
· Reveal two previously-read nonfiction texts on the same topic. Both of these authors taught us about (broad subject). They gave us lots of information about (category), (category), and (category).

DAY 1

STEP 1: Reread an excerpt from Text A. listing facts for Row/ Category 1 as the I do. Think Aloud: Hey, that's a (Category 1) type of detail! That's a fact about (Category 1).

STEP 2: Read the parallel excerpt in Text B. List facts for Row/Category 1 as the We do.

parallel excerpts from Text A (i.e., I do) and



Readers identify the SAME information presented by two authors.

When two authors write about the same topic, it makes sense that there will be some repeated information (i.e., details that are the same in both texts).

STEP 3: Return to the *T-Chart* from Day 2. Model how to look across Row 1 to identify facts that were stated in both texts. Emphasize in your *Think* Aloud that a detail from Text A may be stated using different words in Text B, but the gist of the fact is the same. (I do with Row 1; We do with Row 2.)

Readers identify new/DIFFERENT information presented by two authors.

Authors do NOT provide the same information. One author includes information that the other leaves out. This is the value of reading more than one **source**. Readers learn more by reading multiple texts on the same topic.

STEP 3: Return to the *T-Chart* from Day 3. Model how to look across Row 1 to identify facts that were stated in ONLY ONE of the texts. (I do with Row 1; We do with Row 2.) Emphasize the information (in Text B) that readers would have "missed out" on if they had only read (Text A).

Readers make text-to-text comparisons with oral statements.

Readers restate the information collected from two sources using comparative-thinking transitions. Return to the T-Chart from Day 4. Model how to construct a variety of ORAL sentences about details that are:

- · DAY 5 the SAME using both, also, alike.
- · DAY 6 DIFFERENT using instead, but, unlike.



Compare details from 2 texts on the same topic. Project/Post the T-Chart from Day 6.

PICTURE/LABEL WRITING— Draw & label a set of parallel details from Texts A and B. Write the category as the title.

SENTENCE WRITING-Stretch the category into a topic sentence. Write the details in supporting sentences using comparative transitions.

CONSIDERATIONS

This lesson series requires 2 nonfiction texts on the SAME TOPIC. (This is NOT comparing penguins v. polar bears or summer v. winter.)



BEFORE THIS LESSON SERIES, the teacher must determine the texts, details, and categories to be compared.

- 1. Find 2 previously-read nonfiction texts on the same topic.
- 2. Reread each, executing Steps 1-2 on a *T-Chart*.

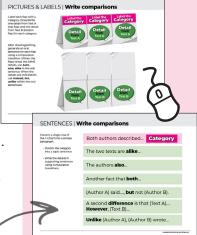


- 3. Identify 3-4 subtopics/ categories that both texts address thoroughly.
- 4. Scan the excerpts from both texts that state those details. (These excerpts will be projected during the *I-do* and *We-do* experiences on Days 1-2.)



Use Slide 2 of the Jamboard to list details collected on Days 1-2.





9