

SMART™ Lesson

Comparing Stories

Introduction

Reading fiction is not just about enjoying a good story, but also about understanding the deeper meaning and messages presented by the author. One way to better comprehend the meaning of a story is by comparing it to another. In this lesson, we will explore how to compare stories and the benefits of doing so.

What to Look For when Comparing Stories

When comparing two stories, it is important to look for similarities and differences. One way to do this is by analyzing the characters, settings, and themes of both stories.

- **Characters:** Who are the main characters? Can you identify any similarities or differences between them?
- **Settings:** Where do the stories take place? Are there any similarities or differences between the settings?
- **Themes:** What is the main message of each story? Are there any similarities or differences between the themes?

The Benefits of Comparing Stories

Comparing stories can lead to a better understanding of the individual stories and the author's purpose. It can also help improve analytical and critical thinking skills by challenging the reader to find and identify similarities and differences between the stories.

Questions

1. What are the three main elements to look for when comparing stories?
2. What benefits can be gained from comparing stories?
3. Why is it helpful to analyze the characters and settings when comparing stories?
4. How can comparing stories improve critical thinking skills?
5. What is the main message of each of the stories that you have compared in the past?