

City Tree Ideas

Compare important points in two short texts.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.9 "Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the most important point in Text 1 and in Text 2. Circle words that show both texts are about city trees, so you can compare the texts.

Two Texts About City Trees

- ① Text 1, "Trees Help Cities": Trees along streets cool hot sidewalks and shade people waiting for buses. Their leaves also catch some dust from the air. In summer, shaded areas can feel cooler than sunny areas.
- ② City trees need care to stay healthy. Workers may water young trees, cover soil with mulch, and trim dead branches. When a tree grows well, it can provide shade and cleaner air for many years.
- ③ Text 2, "Choose the Right Tree": People who plant city trees first look at the space. A tall tree may not fit under power lines. Planters also choose trees that can handle local weather and have room for roots.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What important point does Text 1 make about city trees?

2 How are the important points in Text 1 and Text 2 alike?

3 How are the important points different? Use one detail from each text.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences that compare the texts. In one sentence, tell an important point from Text 1. In the other sentence, tell an important point from Text 2.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the most important point in Text 1 and in Text 2. Circle words that show both texts are about city trees, so you can compare the texts. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What important point does Text 1 make about city trees?	City trees help people by giving shade, cooling areas, and catching some dust, but they need care to stay healthy.
2	How are the important points in Text 1 and Text 2 alike?	Both texts are about city trees and explain ways people can help trees do well in cities.
3	How are the important points different? Use one detail from each text.	Text 1 explains benefits and care, such as watering young trees. Text 2 explains choosing a tree for its space, such as avoiding power lines.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Text 1 explains that city trees give shade and need care. Text 2 explains how to choose a tree that fits its space.

Accept answers that identify Text 1 as focusing on tree benefits and care and Text 2 as focusing on choosing suitable trees and planting spaces. Students may use different accurate details from the texts to support their comparison.