

Moonstone Tale Tracks

Compare story versions for shared events and changing details.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.9 "Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that are alike in both versions. Circle details that are different, so you can compare the stories.

The Missing Moonstone

- ① Two authors wrote versions of a tale called The Missing Moonstone. In both versions, a child must return a shiny stone before a village celebration can begin. The main problem is the same, but details change.
- ② In Maya Lee's version, Niko finds the moonstone near a river. A fox shows him a safe path across slippery rocks. Niko reaches the lantern festival at sunset and places the stone on the mayor's table.
- ③ In Omar Diaz's version, Lila finds the moonstone in a windy field. Her grandmother gives her a red scarf to follow through the dust. Lila arrives at a drum festival at noon and sets the stone beside the drums.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is one important thing that is alike in both versions?

2 How are the helpers different in the two versions?

3 Compare the celebrations at the end. What happens in each version?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose the version you would rather hear again. Write two sentences. Name your choice, then compare one detail from each version to explain why you chose it.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that are alike in both versions. Circle details that are different, so you can compare the stories. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is one important thing that is alike in both versions?	In both versions, a child returns the moonstone before a village celebration.
2	How are the helpers different in the two versions?	Niko is helped by a fox, while Lila is helped by her grandmother and a red scarf.
3	Compare the celebrations at the end. What happens in each version?	Niko reaches a lantern festival at sunset. Lila reaches a drum festival at noon.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would rather hear Maya Lee's version again. Niko follows a fox across slippery rocks, while Lila follows a red scarf through dust, and I like the fox.

Accept any accurate similarity or difference supported by the passage. For the open task, accept either preference if the student gives two sentences and compares a detail from both versions.