

Kindness Travels Far

Compare story details from Peru and Japan.

3.T.T.1.d "Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, central messages, or events within texts across diverse cultures. (I)"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that tell where Luz's story happens. Circle details that tell where Ren's story happens, then number 1 beside Luz's helpful action and 2 beside Ren's helpful action so you can compare the stories.

Two Helpful Travelers

- ① On a high plain in Peru, Luz carried a basket of potatoes home from her aunt's farm. Dark clouds covered the Andes, and a cold rain began. Near a stone wall, Luz saw an old woman trying to pull a stuck cart. Luz set down her basket, found flat rocks, and placed them beneath the cart's wheel. The cart rolled free.
- ② Across the ocean, in a fishing town in Japan, Ren hurried along a narrow street with a bag of rice. Wind blew sand across the path. At the harbor, he noticed a crab tangled in a piece of fishing net. Ren carefully cut the net with his lunch knife and returned the crab to the water. His rice bag tore, and grains spilled.
- ③ Luz reached home late with only a few potatoes, but her aunt listened to the story and smiled. The next morning, the old woman brought Luz a warm woven scarf. Ren went home with an empty bag. Later, fishers at the harbor gave him fresh fish after they heard how he had helped the crab.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 How are the settings of Luz's story and Ren's story different? Use one detail from each story.

2 How are Luz and Ren alike when they see a problem?

3 What is one difference between Luz's helpful action and Ren's helpful action?

4 What central message do the two stories share? Give one result from each story that supports your answer.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences comparing the two stories. Tell one similarity, one difference, and a shared central message with one detail from each story.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that tell where Luz's story happens. Circle details that tell where Ren's story happens, then number 1 beside Luz's helpful action and 2 beside Ren's helpful action 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	How are the settings of Luz's story and Ren's story different? Use one detail from each story.	Luz's story takes place on a high plain in Peru near the Andes. Ren's story takes place in a fishing town in Japan at a harbor.
2	How are Luz and Ren alike when they see a problem?	Both stop what they are doing to help someone or something in trouble.
3	What is one difference between Luz's helpful action and Ren's helpful action?	Luz uses rocks to free an old woman's cart wheel, while Ren cuts fishing net to free a crab.
4	What central message do the two stories share? Give one result from each story that supports your answer.	Both stories show that helping others can bring kindness back. Luz receives a scarf, and Ren receives fresh fish.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both Luz and Ren stop to help when they see a problem. Luz helps an old woman with a cart in the Andes, while Ren frees a crab at a Japanese harbor. The stories show that helping others can bring kindness back, because Luz receives a scarf and Ren receives fish.

Accept other accurate comparisons supported by the passage. For the open task, accept a clear similarity, a clear difference, and a shared message supported with details from both stories.