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)"

NAME _____ 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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.T.T.1.d

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.