Brave Choices Compared

Compare two cultural adventure stories through theme, setting, and character choices.

5.T.T.1.d "Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries, adventures) from diverse cultures on their approaches to similar themes and topics. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the first helpful action Killa takes and the first helpful action Ayaan takes. Circle one detail in each story that shows its setting or culture, then write alike or different beside the underlined actions.

Two Young Rescuers

1. In a Quechua community high in Peru's Andes, Killa noticed that a storm had piled rocks across the narrow water channel leading to her community's potato fields. Wearing a woven wool shawl, she climbed the wet hillside with a small digging tool. At a fork in the trail, she chose the longer, safer path. She cleared a tiny opening, then hurried home to bring adults to finish the work.

2. In a Somali coastal town, Ayaan saw a fishing dhow drifting toward sharp rocks as the tide rose. She had learned to read the currents while helping her aunt mend nets. Instead of climbing into a boat alone, Ayaan ran to the market and called experienced fishers. Together, they pushed a small rescue boat into the water. The fishers guided the dhow safely back to shore.

3. By evening, water flowed to Killa's family's fields, and neighbors thanked her for noticing the problem. On the Somali coast, the rescued crew returned safely and thanked Ayaan for acting quickly. Killa later joined adults in placing stones beside the channel. Ayaan's aunt taught young children how to spot a dangerous current from shore before walking near the water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What genre do both stories fit? Use one detail from the passage to support your answer.

2. What shared theme do Killa's and Ayaan's stories show? Support your idea with one action from each character.

3. How are Killa's and Ayaan's approaches to solving the problem different?

4. Contrast the settings of the two adventures. How does each setting shape the problem the character faces?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly 3 sentences for a new adventure about a young person helping a community in a real region you can describe accurately. Include one setting detail and one danger, then explain in the last sentence whether the character's approach is more like Killa's or Ayaan's and why.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 5 · 5.T.T.1.d

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the first helpful action Killa takes and the first helpful action Ayaan takes. Circle one detail in each story that shows its setting or culture, then write alike or different beside the underlined actions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What genre do both stories fit? Use one detail from the passage to support your answer.	**Both are adventure stories because a young character faces danger and takes action to help others.**
2	What shared theme do Killa's and Ayaan's stories show? Support your idea with one action from each character.	**A shared theme is that people can protect their communities by acting carefully. Killa opens the blocked channel and gets adults, while Ayaan calls experienced fishers to rescue the dhow.**
3	How are Killa's and Ayaan's approaches to solving the problem different?	**Killa begins by climbing to the channel and clearing a small opening before getting adults. Ayaan chooses not to enter a boat alone and gets experienced fishers first.**
4	Contrast the settings of the two adventures. How does each setting shape the problem the character faces?	**Killa's adventure is in the Andes near potato fields, where a storm blocks a water channel. Ayaan's adventure is on the Somali coast, where a rising tide pushes a dhow toward rocks.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

During heavy monsoon rain in a town in Kerala, India, Meera saw water rushing toward the community library. She ran to gather neighbors, and they stacked sandbags to protect the books. Her approach is more like Ayaan's because she found helpers before trying to solve the danger.

Accept reasonable genre, theme, and comparison statements when students support them with accurate passage details. For the open task, accept varied settings and dangers if the response has exactly three sentences and clearly compares the character's approach to Killa's or Ayaan's.