Nia and Pip Tales

Compare settings, plots, and lessons in three stories by one author.

3.RL.3.C "Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words that tell where each story happens, and circle the important action in each plot. In the margin, write one or two words that name the lesson you notice in each story.

Three Nia Tales by Rosa Bell

1. Story 1, "The Seed Packet," by Rosa Bell: Nia and her puppy, Pip, visited the sunny community garden. Near the tomato beds, Pip sniffed a bright packet of carrot seeds. Nia saw that it had fallen from Mr. Lee's pocket. Although she wanted to plant carrots at home, she gave the packet back. Mr. Lee smiled and shared one seedling with her.

2. Story 2, "The Rainy Library": On a wet afternoon, Nia and Pip walked into the town library. A little boy searched the shelves for a book about trucks, but he could not read the signs. Pip wagged beside a low shelf, and Nia found a picture book about dump trucks. The boy hugged it. Nia learned that a small help can make someone feel welcome.

3. Story 3, "Shell Shelter": At the windy beach, Nia and Pip built a sand wall near a small tide pool. Nia noticed tiny crabs hiding as the waves grew stronger. Instead of taking shells home, Pip pawed sand near the pool while Nia placed smooth stones to slow the water. The crabs stayed safe, and Nia left the beach clean for other animals.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are the settings of Story 1 and Story 2 different?

2. What do the plots of Story 1 and Story 3 have in common?

3. How are the themes of Story 1 and Story 2 alike and different?

4. Compare the problem and solution in Story 2 and Story 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences comparing Story 1 and Story 3. Tell one setting similarity or difference, one plot similarity or difference, and one lesson each story teaches.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RL.3.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words that tell where each story happens, and circle the important action in each plot. In the margin, write one or two words that name the lesson you notice in each story. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the settings of Story 1 and Story 2 different?	**Story 1 takes place in a sunny community garden, while Story 2 takes place in the town library on a wet afternoon.**
2	What do the plots of Story 1 and Story 3 have in common?	**In both stories, Nia notices a need and makes a caring choice. She returns Mr. Lee's seeds in Story 1, and she protects the crabs in Story 3.**
3	How are the themes of Story 1 and Story 2 alike and different?	**Both stories show Nia helping someone, but Story 1 teaches honesty by returning property, while Story 2 teaches kindness by helping the boy find a book.**
4	Compare the problem and solution in Story 2 and Story 3.	**In Story 2, the boy cannot read the shelf signs, so Nia finds his truck book. In Story 3, waves threaten the crabs, so Nia places stones to slow the water.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Story 1 happens in a sunny community garden, but Story 3 happens at a windy beach. In both plots, Nia notices a need and acts carefully, returning Mr. Lee's seeds and protecting the crabs. Story 1 teaches honesty, while Story 3 teaches caring for animals and their homes.

Accept reasonable wording for settings, plot events, and themes when it matches the passage. In Part 3, look for exactly three sentences that compare both stories and include a lesson for each one.