Omar's Kite Tales

Use story details to compare setting, plot, character, and theme.

3.RL.3 "Integration of Concepts Set a purpose for reading by looking at the illustrations and activating prior (experience) and background (content) knowledge..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle the words that tell where each story happens. Number each story's problem 1 and its solution 2 so you can compare the plots.

Two Omar Stories

1. Author Tia Wells wrote two stories about Omar, a boy who loves fixing things. In "The Quiet Kite," Omar visits his grandmother's apartment on a rainy afternoon. He finds a torn kite in her closet. Omar wants to fly it, but the rain keeps him inside. He tapes the rip, adds a paper tail, and saves the kite for a sunny day.

2. In "The Windy Hill," Omar takes the same kite to a grassy hill near his school. His friend Jo wants to race downhill instead of help. A strong gust pulls the kite from Omar's hands and catches it in a low tree. Omar feels upset, but he asks Jo to help him think of a safe way to reach it.

3. Jo finds a long branch beside the path. Omar holds the string while Jo carefully lifts it over the branch. The kite comes free without tearing. Omar thanks Jo, and they fly it together until the wind slows. On the walk home, Omar says he will mend a loose knot before the next flight so it is ready.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are the settings different in the two stories? Tell the place and weather in each one.

2. Compare the problems in the two plots. What problem does Omar face in each story, and how is it solved?

3. What character trait does Omar show in both stories? Use one detail from each story to explain.

4. What theme fits both stories? Explain how events from both plots support your idea.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences that compare two stories by the same author about the same character. Name one shared theme or trait, one different setting, and one different plot problem.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.RL.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle the words that tell where each story happens. Number each story's problem 1 and its solution 2 so you can compare the plots. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the settings different in the two stories? Tell the place and weather in each one.	**The first story is in Omar's grandmother's apartment on a rainy day. The second is on a grassy hill near his school, where strong wind blows.**
2	Compare the problems in the two plots. What problem does Omar face in each story, and how is it solved?	**In the first story, Omar finds a torn kite and cannot fly it in the rain, so he repairs it and saves it for later. In the second, the wind blows the kite into a tree, so Omar and Jo use a branch to free it.**
3	What character trait does Omar show in both stories? Use one detail from each story to explain.	**Omar is persistent. He repairs the torn kite in the first story, and he keeps working with Jo to get the kite out of the tree in the second story.**
4	What theme fits both stories? Explain how events from both plots support your idea.	**A theme is to keep trying when a problem happens. Omar fixes the kite when it is torn, and he finds a safe way to get it back when it is stuck in a tree.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In Ana Bell's "Lena's Garden" and "Lena's Snow Day," Lena keeps trying when work is hard. The first story happens in a sunny garden, but the second happens on a snowy sidewalk. In the first, Lena saves drooping plants with water, while in the second, she clears a path after snow blocks her neighbor's door.

Accept equivalent traits and themes when students support them with details from both stories. For plot comparisons, students should identify a problem and a matching solution from each story.