

Comparing Two Novels: Finding Connections

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Understanding Themes and Characters

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about comparing two novels.

1. What did you learn about characters facing hard times? Give an example from the stories.

2. What does the proverb 'Iron sharpens iron' mean in relation to friendships?

- A. Friends make each other stronger
- B. Friends should argue often
- C. Friends should never disagree

3. Annemarie and Opal both face ____ that help them grow as characters.

4. Both stories happen in similar time periods.

- True False

5. How do the friendships in the stories help the characters be brave? Provide an example.

6. Which theme is explored in both novels?

- A. Friendship and courage
- B. Adventure and mystery
- C. Travel and discovery

7. The lesson teaches us to compare stories to find deeper ____.

8. Characters in the stories demonstrate courage in different ways.

- True False

9. What are two differences you noticed between Annemarie and Opal?

10. How can stories help us understand real-life challenges?

- A. They show us what not to do
- B. They help us see different perspectives
- C. They are just for fun

Answer Key

1. I learned that characters can show bravery even when things are tough. For example, Annemarie faced danger to help her friend. 2. Friends make each other stronger 3. challenges 4. False 5. Friendships give characters support and courage. For instance, Opal's bond with her dog helps her feel stronger when facing her fears. 6. Friendship and courage 7. truths 8. True 9. Annemarie lives in a historical setting during a war while Opal lives in a modern town. Also, Annemarie is facing life-threatening challenges, while Opal deals with personal loss. 10. They help us see different perspectives