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2.RI.9 Compare and contrast the most important points made by two texts on the same topic.

Read both texts about pigs.

Compare and **contrast** the important points each author made.

text #1

“All About Pigs”

Pigs are smart animals. Like humans, pigs are **omnivores**, meaning they eat both plants and animals. Pigs have poor eyesight, but they have an excellent sense of smell. A pig’s snout is an important tool for finding food in the ground. There are 2 billion pigs all over the world. China has more pigs than all other countries. People farm pigs for meat such as pork, bacon and ham. Some people like to keep pigs as pets. Fully grown, pigs can grow to between 300 and 700 pounds. One pig can weigh as much as four people! Pigs talk with each other all the time. They have different oinks, grunts and squeals that mean different things.

text #2

“Pig Facts”

Pigs are not as dirty as many people think. They are thought to be dirty because they like to roll in mud to cool off. Pigs that live in cooler places stay very clean. Pigs are also known as hogs or swine. Male pigs are called **boars** and female pigs are called **sows**. Pigs have snouts that help them smell food in the ground. They also have sharp tusks that help them dig and fight. Farmers often remove the tusks because they can be dangerous. Pigs are found all over the world. People use pigs for lots of things. Do you like pork chops or bacon? Then you are eating pig. Pigs are also used to make lard, leather and glue. Pigs are very smart. They’re smarter than dogs!

How are these texts alike (the same)?

In **both** texts, _____

In **both** texts, _____

How are these texts different?

In **one** text, _____

but NOT the other text.

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Compare and contrast the important points each author made.

text #1

text #2

"Home of the Presidents"

The White House has been the home of the presidents for over 200 years. It took 8 years to build the huge house. Even though George Washington was the first president, he did not live in the White House. President John Adams and his family were the first family to live in the White House. Since then, forty-two presidents have lived there. The White House has 132 rooms. There are 16 bedrooms, 35 bathrooms, and it is six floors tall.



"The White House"

Every day, over 6000 people visit the White House in Washington, D.C. For the past 200 years, the White house has been the home of the President of the United States and his family. Every president has lived there except for George Washington because it wasn't done being built yet. The White House isn't just a place for the President to do business. There are fun things for his family to do while living there. It has a pool, a movie theater, and a bowling lane! There are 132 rooms in it.

1. How are these texts alike?

Both texts tell _____.

2. How are these texts different?

"Home of the Presidents" tells about _____
_____ **but** "The White House" doesn't.

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3. In which text can you find out why George Washington didn't live in the White House?

- A. "Home of the Presidents"
- B. "The White House"

4. What does "The White House" tell you that "Home of the Presidents" does not?

- A. There are 132 rooms in it.
- B. George Washington didn't live in it.
- C. It has a movie theater.

5. What do both texts tell you about ?

- A. George Washington didn't live in it.
- B. It has a pool.
- C. It has 16 bedrooms.



“Grizzly Bears”

Grizzly bears are a member of the brown bear family. They live in western North America. They eat many different things such as meat, fish, insects, eggs, berries, roots, leaves, and grass.



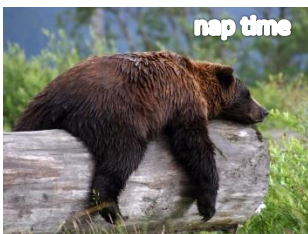
Grizzly bears look different than other bears because they have a short, stubby snout and rounded ears. Their claws are as long as a human finger! The claws are used to swing at their enemies.

There used to be many grizzly bears in North America, but each year there are fewer left. One reason is because their habitats are being cut down and homes are being built. Another reason is that people kill grizzlies for fun. Others kill them out of fear. Poachers are people that kill the bears and sell their body parts to other countries that make medicine out of them.

“Fuzzy and Ferocious”



Grizzly bears get their name from their fur, which is brown but has gray tips on the end that look frosty. The color of their fur camouflages (hides) them from their enemies. They have a great sense of smell... they can smell food from miles away! You can tell a grizzly bear from other brown bears because grizzlies have a large hump of muscle behind their neck.



Grizzly bears live in different habitats. Many live in forests, but when people cut down forests to build homes, the grizzlies move high up into the mountains to live.

Grizzly bears need to eat a lot in the summer and fall so that they can store up fat for the winter. Many people think that these bears are ferocious predators that **only** eat meat. The truth is they will eat whatever is around! Sometimes they eat grass, roots, and berries. Other times, they eat small mammals and even large moose and elk. If you see a grizzly in the wild, don't surprise them or get near their cubs or you might become their dinner!



“Polar Bear Facts”

Polar bears live in and near the Arctic Ocean. That is at the very “top” of the earth. They are the largest meat eater that lives on land. No other animals try to fight them. Their only enemies are humans and other polar bears!

Polar bears spend most of their time at sea. They stand on the sea ice to hunt seals for food. The height of a male polar bear can reach 10 feet tall, and they can weigh up to 1700 pounds. They have 42 razor-sharp teeth.



Did you know that polar bears have black fur under their white fur? They keep warm because they have 10 centimeters of blubber (fat) under the skin. They have an excellent sense of smell, and can smell a seal a mile away! Even though they are heavy, they can run as fast as a person can ride a bike!

“All About Polar Bears”

Polar bears are the largest type of bear in the world. They mostly live on sea ice in the freezing cold Arctic. Polar bears have special pads on their paws to keep them from slipping on the ice. They have a thick layer of fat under their skin that keeps them warm. Their fur is oily, which helps them to shake dry quickly after swimming.



Polar bears mostly hunt seals for food. Sometimes the polar bear follows its prey around, and then sneaks up on it and bites its head or grabs it with its huge claws! A polar bear may also hunt by swimming under the ice. They are great swimmers and have been known to swim as far as 100 miles at a time!

When there are no seals, polar bears will eat just about any animal they can get, including reindeer, small rodents, seabirds, waterfowl, fish, eggs, berries, and human garbage.

Polar bears are at the top of the food chain, which means that no other animals hunt them. Sometimes they do fight with each other. This happens when they are fighting over a mate (female polar bear). They use their sharp teeth and claws to defend themselves.

“Big Sky Country”

Montana is the 4th largest state. Its nickname is "Big Sky Country". The first people to live in Montana were the Plains Indians. Today, there are still many Indians living there. The population (number of people) in Montana is [902,195](#). There are fewer people in the whole state of Montana than there are in the city of Phoenix! Most people who live in Montana are farmers, cattle ranchers, or miners of gold, silver, copper, and coal.

Montana is a beautiful state that is full of mountains and forests. It is home to more animals than any other state. There are actually more elk, deer, and antelopes than there are humans! Summer temperatures in Montana are mild (not very warm), and winters are long and very snowy. A lot of roads are closed all winter long because they are covered with many feet of snow!



“Montana”

Montana is in the very northern part of the USA. It borders Canada. It was named after the Spanish word for 'mountain'. This state has a few cities, but most of the land is made up of beautiful forests and mountains. Because there's so much nature and not many people, more animals live in Montana than in any other state! Montana is the fourth largest state in the USA.

Many people vacation in Montana to see the enormous Rocky Mountains. The highest mountain peak is 12,807 feet high. That's over 2 miles up in the air! The most visited place in Montana is called Glacier National Park. It has waterfalls, mountain-sized lakes of ice called glaciers, and over 250 lakes. If you go there, you will likely see a grizzly bear. Montana's state animal is the grizzly bear because more grizzlies live there than in any other state.

The Fastest Animal on Earth



Cheetahs are the fastest mammals on Earth. They can run up to 70 miles an hour. That's as fast as a car might drive on a freeway! Running that fast can make cheetahs breathe very heavily. After chasing an animal, a cheetah needs half an hour to catch its breath before it can eat.

Cheetahs have great eyesight. They can see from very far away. This helps them see animals to eat. They like to eat hares.

A cheetah also has many spots. The spots help cheetahs hide while they hunt. This is called camouflage. They hunt in grasslands and bushy areas.



Female cheetahs usually have three to five cubs in a litter. Cheetah cubs stay with their mothers until they are 12 to 20 months old. By the time they are two years old, all cheetahs have left their mothers and take care of themselves!

Cheetahs live in parts of Africa and the Middle East. They are endangered. Farmers trap and kill cheetahs that they believe are a threat to their animals. Hunters, called poachers, kill cheetahs so they can sell their beautiful skin. Some people worry that they will become extinct. When an animal is extinct, there are no more of them alive.

All About Cheetahs



Adult cheetahs weigh from 86 to 143 pounds. The fastest mammal on land, the cheetah can reach speeds of 70 miles an hour. Today, cheetahs are mostly found in Africa, but there used to be many of them throughout Asia and Africa. Cheetahs are quickly dying out. This is called being “endangered”. The main threats to cheetahs are fewer animals for them to eat, and loss of their habitats.



A cheetah's excellent eyesight helps it find prey, or animals it hunts. It eats hares, wildebeest calves, and gazelles. The cheetah is hard to see because its spotted coat blends with the grass. This helps it to stay hidden until the right moment when its prey is within reach and the cheetah can suddenly pounce on it!

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