

Compare and Contrast

Name: _____ Date: _____

What is being compared? _____ and _____

Compare: How are these things the same or similar?

Clue Words

just like	just as	same as	like	too	similar
also	similarly	in the same way	alike		

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Contrast: How are these things different?

Clue Words

unlike	in contrast	different from	however	yet
but	was not			

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Directions for Summarizing

1. Read the first and last paragraphs of the text
2. In your own words, write down what the text is mainly about:

3. Read each remaining paragraph. Write a sentence or two about what each paragraph is about in your own words.

4. Write a sentence that sums up or makes a connection to end your summary.

Summary

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- Start with a sentence that tells the title and the main idea of the reading.
- Then tell the most important things that happened (details) in the reading.
- Finish with a sentence that sums up and makes a connection.

The reading _____

is about _____

Detail _____

Detail _____

Detail _____

Detail _____

Sum up/Connection _____

Example of Chronological or Sequential Organization

In the years after Father Serra died, the number of missions in Alta California grew to 21. With so many missions in Alta California, Spain wanted to find an easier way for new supplies and settlers to get there.

Juan Bautista de Anza, a soldier, was chosen to find a new route. In 1774 he crossed northern Mexico and present-day Arizona to reach Alta California.

The next year, in October 1775, Anza made another trip to Alta California. He set out from Tubac, a presidio in northern Mexico. With him were about 240 men, women, and children and hundreds of cattle, mules, and horses. Anza's route took him through the Sonoran Desert and Over the San Jacinto Mountains—a distance of more than 1,600 miles. They finally reached Monterey in March 1776.

Because of the desert and the mountains, Anza's route proved to be no easier than the others. Land travel to Alta California remained very difficult and most supplies still had to be sent by ship.

After traveling north to explore San Francisco Bay, Anza returned to Mexico. Late in 1776, however, the Spanish build a presidio on a windy beach that he had explored. Inland, near Dolores Creek, they built the Mission San Francisco de Asis. These settlements were the beginning of the city of San Francisco.

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Sample Graphic Organizer for Sequential or Chronological Order

A graphic organizer for sequential or chronological order. It consists of six empty rectangular boxes arranged vertically. To the left of each box is a downward-pointing arrow, indicating the sequence of events.

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Previewing a Textbook Chapter: Using clues to Help You Understand the Reading

Textbook Feature	Information
Chapter title	
Focus questions	
Chapter introduction or the first paragraph	
Subheadings	
First sentence of each paragraph	
Maps	
Pictures	
Charts	
Last paragraph or summary	

Based on the information gathered above, what will this chapter be about?
