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❧ Comparing Two Fiction Texts ❧

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What do the stories have in common? What is different about the stories?

DIRECTIONS: Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

TEXT 1

Today was the Valentine's Party at school. Marcela had decorated her box so she could store her candy and cards in it. When she got home from school, her sister Janet was waiting anxiously. Janet stayed home from school because she was sick. She missed her class party. She couldn't wait to hear about Marcela's party. She hoped she would share some candy, too.

Marcela walked right past her sister. She had no plan to give her any of the candy that she had earned herself. If Janet wanted candy, she would have to use her allowance money. Then she could buy some for herself.

"Get out of my way," Marcela said to Janet. She went straight to the kitchen table to dump out her box. She loved going through the candy and reading the cards. This was the best part! Janet watched as Marcela smiled and talked about the Valentine's Party. Marcela put her arm out so her sister could not touch any of the candy.

Just then, their mother walked into the kitchen. She noticed that Marcela was being rude. She noticed that Janet's feelings were hurt.

"Marcela," their mother said. "You need to think about sharing with Janet. She was home sick today and didn't get to go to her class party. How would you feel if that were you?"

TEXT 2

Jason was the star soccer player for his team, and games were every Thursday after school. Today was game day and he was eager to continue his scoring streak. Playing forward meant that he had many opportunities to control the ball. He scored in every game of the season so far. The only problem was that he never let anyone else get a chance to shine.

"Pass! Jason! I'm ready," shouted Marco as he ran down the field. None of the other team's players were near him. He wanted to score a goal, but Jason wouldn't pass the ball. Marco grew frustrated as he ran and yelled. Why didn't Jason want him to have the ball?

Jason kept the ball close to his feet as he ran past his opponents. He heard Marco yelling, but he ignored him. Jason was so close to scoring a goal, and he loved the feeling when he scored.

The referee blew her whistle and announced that it was halftime. The players ran to the team benches where they would drink water and take a rest as they gathered as a team to listen to their coach.

"Gosh, Jason," whispered Marco. "Don't be such a ball hog. It's not fun being on a team with you."

"Listen guys," Coach Terry said. "I need you to pass the ball. Soccer is a team sport. If you can't be a team player, you can't be on this team. In order to win this game, we have to play together. That means paying attention to who is open and passing the ball."

Jason hung his head as he realized that Marco and Coach Terry were right. He needed to change his style as a soccer player and be a better sport. When he got back in the game, he would pass the ball to his teammates. It was time to give them a chance to know how great it feels to score a goal.

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ANSWERS

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