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# Comparing Texts on the Same Topics

## SEVERE WEATHER WARNING!

When a funnel cloud is spotted or a tornado begins forming on weather radar, The National Weather service alerts the public with a Tornado Warning. If schools are in session when a Tornado Warning occurs, students must have a plan in place for staying safe.

Almost all schools have their students participate in Tornado Drills. During a tornado drill, students pretend that a tornado is coming and go to a safe place inside the building. The safest places are as far inside a building as you can get, which helps avoid flying debris picked up by wind. Open rooms like a gym or cafeteria, or a room with a lot of windows is not a good place to seek shelter. Windows could shatter from the high winds or debris could be picked up and fly through windows.

Once students find a safe place to shelter from the storm, they practice the safest way to sit during a tornado, which is laying flat on your knees, facing a wall and covering your head. Although it can seem silly to lay hunched over on the floor when the skies are blue, it is very important to be prepared in case a tornado does strike.

A tornado is one of the most dangerous weather events in the world. It is almost impossible to predict a tornado like you can predict snow or rain. Simply put, tornadoes are nothing more than rotating air that touches the ground. However, they are anything but simple. A single storm can produce multiple, or more than one, tornadoes. Tornadoes usually occur in the afternoon or evening and are preceded by a storm.

Sometimes, the telltale funnel cloud of a tornado isn't visible until it's too late to seek shelter, so it is important to know other warning signs of a tornado. Hail during a tornado watch, greenish or grayish skies, a quick silence after a sudden thunder storm (the calm before the storm), and the sound of roaring wind that is like a jet or freight train are all other warning signs for tornadoes.

The most important thing to pay attention to during a bad storm is the news. The National Weather Service will issue a Tornado Warning if a tornado is forming on radar or if a trained weather spotter sees a tornado. Tornado Warnings must be taken very seriously!

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

After you read each set of passages, answer the following questions.

What is the MAIN topic of both texts?

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What is the main focus of each individual text?

1<sup>st</sup> Text

2<sup>nd</sup> Text

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Identify three supporting details for each of the two texts.

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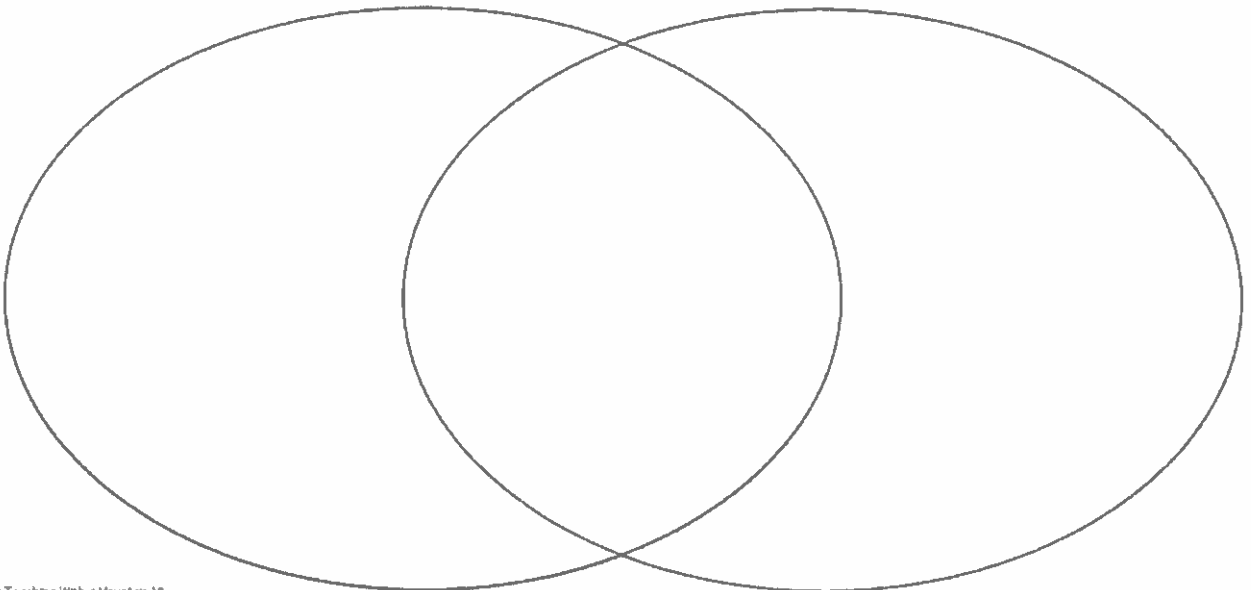
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Compare and contrast the two texts below.



# Blizzard Bag #2

## Clues in the Census

Since 1790, the U.S. government has conducted a census of all the residents of the U.S. A census lists all the people in the place where they live. The government hires workers to go from door to door to list the people in each home. The lists are then sent to Washington, D.C. Many states also had censuses of the residents of the state.

By looking at the censuses over a period of time, these censuses tell a family history detective important information about a family. Here are the censuses for Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the "Little House" books. Look at the information and see what you can learn about her family.

1870 U.S. Census,  
Montgomery County, Kansas

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Ingalls C.P.	34	M	N.Y.
Caroline	30	F	Wisconsin
Mary	5	F	Wisconsin
Laura	3	F	Wisconsin

Here's what the handwriting says:

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Ingalls, C.P.	34	M	New York
Ingalls, Caroline	30	F	Wisconsin
Ingalls, Mary	5	F	Wisconsin
Ingalls, Laura	3	F	Wisconsin

1875 Minnesota state census,  
Redwood County, Minnesota

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
C.P. Ingalls	39	M	N.Y.
Caroline Ingalls	35	F	Wis.
Mary C. Ingalls	10	F	"
Laura C. Ingalls	8	F	"
Carrie C. Ingalls	5	F	Kan.

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Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
C.P. Ingalls	39	M	New York
Caroline Ingalls	35	F	Wisconsin
Mary A. Ingalls	10	F	Wisconsin
Laura E. Ingalls	8	F	Wisconsin
Carrie C. Ingalls	5	F	Kansas

1880 U.S. Census,  
Kingsbury County, Dakota Territory

Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Ingalls Charles P.	44	M	New York
Ingalls Caroline L.	40	F	Wisconsin
Ingalls Mary A.	15	F	Wisconsin
Ingalls Laura E.	13	F	Wisconsin
Ingalls Caroline C.	9	F	Kansas
Ingalls Grace L.	3	F	Iowa

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Answer the following questions about these census.

List the states and territory for these censuses.

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Where were Laura and Mary born?

\_\_\_\_\_

Where was Grace born?

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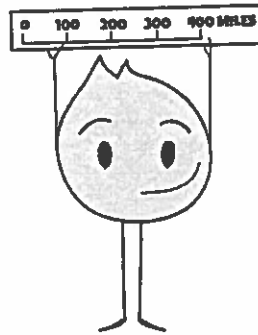
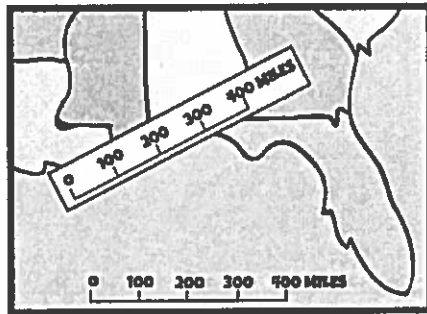
What do these censuses tell you about the Ingalls family?

- A. These aren't about the same family because they are in different places.
- B. The family moved a great deal.
- C. The family was on vacation.
- D. The Ingalls family had a lot of money.

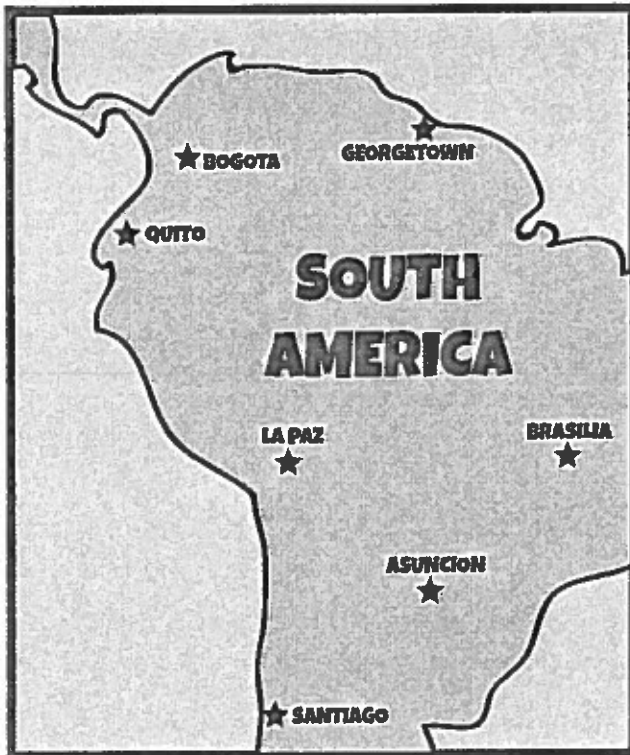
# MAP SCALE

Everything looks so small on a map, so how can you tell how far you need to travel? The map scale will help you figure out the distance.

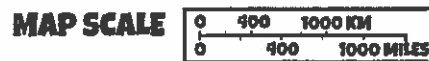
The picture below has a map scale along the bottom of the map that goes from 0 miles to 400 miles, counting by hundreds. The boy using the map wanted to figure out about how far it was from Louisiana to Georgia, so he used a piece of white paper, and copied the map scale down. Now, he can use the paper like a ruler, and measure whatever distances he wants on the map.



**DIRECTIONS:** Cut off the map scale at the bottom of the page. It matches the map below. Use it to measure the distances given.



1. Distance from Bogota to Quito.  
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2. Distance from La Paz to Brasilia.  
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3. Distance from Asuncion to Quito.  
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4. Distance from Georgetown to Santiago.  
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5. Distance from Brasilia to Bogota.  
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**B.B. #2****Multiply.**

1.  $7 \times 10 =$  1. \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $3 \times 300 =$  2. \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $5 \times 2,000 =$  3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 143 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 2,467 \\ \times \quad 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 508 \\ \times \quad 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Jake's Fishing Company catches 358 fish a day. Round to the greatest place value and estimate the number of fish they catch in one week. 10. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Tucker uses 40 cherries in each pie. He needs to bake 8 cherry pies. How many cherries does Tucker need to bake his pies? 11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. A landscaping company is buying new lawn mowers. Each mower costs \$305. How much will 6 lawn mowers cost? 12. \_\_\_\_\_



**Ohio Ecosystems****Kelley's Island**

Kelley's Island is the largest freshwater island in Lake Erie. It is 12 miles north of Sandusky, Ohio. Originally settled by Native Americans, it is now a vacation destination. Because of the number of tourists who visit there, the ecosystem is now threatened.



Many birds spend part of the year on Kelley's Island. Birds such as osprey, peregrine falcons, and red-tailed hawks enjoy the different types of habitats that exist on the island including ponds, forests, coasts, and wetlands. There are also meadows full of butterfly weed and green milkweed that attract Monarch butterflies. Other wildlife on the island include deer, muskrats, salamanders, and squirrels.

Want to know more? Watch the video:  
<http://bit.ly/kelleysislandvideo>

1. Where is Kelley's Island located? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe Kelley's Island. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Why is Kelley's Island an important ecosystem? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why is it threatened? \_\_\_\_\_

