

Compare and Contrast Fables

Read each fable. Use the chart to record the similarities and differences between the characters, setting, plot, and theme.

<p>The Fox and the Goat</p>	<p>The Fox and the Grapes</p>
<p>A fox had fallen into a well and had been trying to get back out for a long time. After a while, a goat came to the well to get a drink. He saw the fox at the bottom of the well and asked the fox if the water was good and if there was enough for him too. The fox didn't tell the goat that he was stuck, but instead replied, "Come down, my friend. The water is so good that I cannot drink enough of it, and there is more than enough for both of us." After hearing this, the goat leaped in right away. The fox, taking advantage of the goat's horns, stepped on the goat and leaped out of the well. As he made it back to dry ground, he shouted to the poor goat, "Ha! If you had half as much brains as you have beard, you would have looked before you leaped."</p>	<p>One hot summer day a fox was strolling through an orchard when he came to a bunch of grapes just ripening on a vine which had grown up over a high branch. "Just the thing to quench my thirst," said the fox. Stepping back a few steps, he ran and jumped, but he just missed the grapes. Turning around with a One, Two, Three, he jumped up, but with no success. Again and again he tried to reach the tempting treats, but at last had to give up. He walked away with his nose in the air and said, "I am sure those grapes are sour and nasty anyway."</p>

Story Element	How are they alike? (similarities)	How are they different? (differences)
<p>Characters</p>		
<p>Setting</p>		

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Plot (events)		
Theme		