

Two Texts, One Topic: Bees

Mission: You're researching honeybees for a class report. You found a science article and a beekeeper's diary. Compare what each text tells you, sort the facts into a Venn diagram, and explain what you learn from reading both.

Big question: How can two texts on the same topic give different information and points of view?

★ Warm-up: Firsthand or secondhand?

Label F or S.

A diary of a trip to the zoo ✓ **F.**

An encyclopedia entry about zoos ✓ **S.**

Key vocabulary

Point of view	Whose eyes a text is told through.
Firsthand account	Written by someone who was there (the diary).
Secondhand account	Written by someone reporting facts (the article).
Venn diagram	Overlapping circles for comparing.

1 Box 1

Fill the Venn diagram

In the simulator: Sort every fact into the correct part of the Venn diagram.

What did you notice?

2 Box 2

Point of view

Which sentence shows the diary is a **FIRSTHAND** account?

☐ "I opened the hive this morning wearing my white suit." ☐ "A hive can hold 50,000 bees."

☐ "Bees are important pollinators."

✓ **"I opened the hive this morning wearing my white suit."**

3 Box 3

What each adds

What does the diary add that the article does not? Choose all.

Choose all that apply.

☐ How it feels to be near a hive ☐ How a beekeeper harvests honey ☐ How many eggs the queen lays

☐ Why beekeepers leave some honey

✓ **How it feels to be near a hive; How a beekeeper harvests honey; Why beekeepers leave some honey**

4 Box 4

Compare in writing

Compare the two texts. What do you learn from reading BOTH?

Both texts

Look for: Names a shared idea; at least 8 words

Only the article

Look for: Names an article-only fact; at least 8 words

Only the diary

Look for: Names a diary-only detail; at least 8 words

5 Box 5

Legend: which is better? Legend only

For a science report, which text is more useful, and why? Give one reason and one quote.

Look for: Chooses a text; an exact quote from the text; at least 18 words

Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

How can two texts on the same topic give different information and points of view?

Look for: Different texts on one topic can share some facts but also give unique information. A science article gives facts and data; a personal narrative gives experiences and feelings. Reading both gives a fuller understanding.

Completion codes

Students see a code like **ABC-I3** when they finish. The first part must match below. The letter is the level (E = Explorer, I = Investigator, L = Legend), and the number at the end is how many stars they earned.

Level	Code starts with
 Explorer	117-E
 Investigator	1WG-I
 Legend	AQ0-L

Watch for these misconceptions

- "The main idea is always the first sentence." It can be anywhere or not stated at all.
- "The most interesting detail is the main idea." The main idea is the point the details support.
- "Texts only have one structure." Authors often mix structures; look for the main one.