**Objective:**

RL.6.9. Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres (e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories) in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics.

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| Comparisons (Similarities)   1. Main character changes from being concerned about self to being aware of others and their needs. 2. Author develops the idea that characters need to be ‘connected’ in order to truly be happy. 3. An older character shares a ‘words of the wiser’ moment with the character. (Octopus & Rainbow Fish: Ms. Albert & Chloe) | |
| Contrasts (Differences) | |
| *Each Kindness* | *Rainbow Fish* |
| 1) Chloe realizes she should be kinder but doesn’t have an opportunity to implement her new realization – feels unsettled | 2) Rainbow Fish realizes that he was selfish, but he has an opportunity to make amends – happier ending |
| 3) Chloe is surrounded by friends, so she doesn’t realize the impact of her behavior on Maya until Maya is gone. | 4) Rainbow Fish is ignored by the other fish after he is rude, and therefore he realizes quickly he is unhappy. |
| 5) Realistic Fiction | 6) Fantasy |
| 7) Theme: Being kind to people when you have the opportunity to do so; you may not have a second chance. | 8) Theme: Kindness and generosity are more likely to attract friends than beauty. |
| 9) The school setting causes the action of the story to move forward; being a new student in school / having to move away from school brings Maya into and out of contact with Chloe. | 10) The undersea setting provides a place for the fish characters, but the setting doesn’t cause (create) the action. The same story could just as easily have been told with animals in the jungle. |