
Score and Description

Extensive

Responses at this level describe a similarity **and** a difference between the way the two articles approach the subject of invasive species and support the answer using a reference to a harm or a benefit discussed in the articles.

- *Both articles talk about invasive species being a problem with the environment. The Home on the Range article differs in the fact that it supports putting species in a different environment to make a more diverse animal population and prevent extinction.*

Or, responses describe a similarity and a difference by referring to author's craft or the structure of both articles.

- *The similarity is they both give some examples and give you at least one side of the story. The difference is that Alien Invasion only gives one side of the story but leaves out the other side. Home on the Range gives you both sides of the story and supports both sides. So Home on the Range is neutral, but Alien Invasion is not neutral.*

Essential

a) Responses at this level describe a similarity **or** a difference between the way the two articles approach the subject of invasive species and support the answer using reference to a harm or a benefit discussed in the articles.

- *The difference is in Alien Invasion it talks about getting rid of species and Home on the Range talks about saving African animals.*
- *The articles are similar because they both say why alien species are bad. The first article tells about the cane toad in Australia and the damage it caused.*

OR

b) Responses describe a similarity **or** a difference by referring to author's craft or the structure of both articles.

- *Alien Invasion uses multiple examples of invasive species to make a point. In Home on the Range the author presents both sides of the issue.*

Partial

a) Responses at this level describe a similarity and/or a difference between the way the two articles approach the subject of invasive species but do not refer to a harm or a benefit.

- *The articles are the same because they both say alien species can be bad.*
- *Both stories talk about animals moving from one place to another.*
- *They both talk about cane toads.*

- *In Alien Invasion they talk about toads and zebra mussels. In Home on the Range they talk about camels and lions.*

OR

b) Responses describe a similarity or a difference by referring to author's craft or the structure of one article.

- *The second article presents both sides of the alien species debate. It describes pros and cons of moving animals from Africa.*

Unsatisfactory

Responses at this level provide irrelevant details or personal opinions or draw incorrect conclusions or may simply repeat the question.

- *Snakehead fish kill native fish and many species of frogs.*
 - *I think the articles are trying to get people's attention.*
 - *Both of the articles are against invasive species.*
 - *They are both about invasive species.*
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