Objective
The student will identify similarities and differences between stories.

Materials
- Narrative texts
  Choose two texts within students’ instructional-independent reading level range or teacher read-aloud.
- Student sheet (Activity Master C.013.SS1)
- Pencils

Activity
Students compare stories using a Venn Diagram.
1. Place texts at the center. Provide the student with a student sheet.
2. The student reads the texts or reviews the teacher read-alouds.
3. Writes the title and author of each text on the student sheet.
4. Writes story elements (e.g., character, character attributes, setting, plot, problem, resolution) that are shared by both texts in the overlapping area of the circles on the Venn Diagram. Writes story elements that are unique to just one of the texts in the corresponding circle.
5. Continues until there are at least three story elements in each of the three sections of the Venn Diagram.
6. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Use a Venn Diagram to compare three texts (Activity Master C.013.SS2).