

Live Worksheet: ELAGSE4RL6 Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first and third-person narrations.

Task: Read the two text and use the graphic organizer to compare and contrast the point of view of two excerpts from different stories.

Pssage 1

“Dancing in The Wings by Debbie Allen” excerpt

Ever since I was born and could see, Everywhere I looked, I saw dance. In the clouds as the wind blew them across the sky, In the ripples on a pond, Even in the sea of ants marching up and down their hills. Dance was all around me. Dance was me.

My mom calls me Sassy, ‘cause I like to put my hands on my hips and ‘cause I always have something to say. Well, if you had feet as big as mine, you’d understand why.

“You should join the swimming team, since you got those long toes and don’t need any fins,” my older brother, Hughie, teased. I shot right back, “At least I don’t have that big forehead lookin’ like a street lamp.” Mama said, “Stop all that bad talk! You act so ugly sometimes. Hughie, your big head is a sign of intelligence. And Sassy, your big feet will make your legs look longer and prettier in your ballet shoes.”




Passage 2

“A Day’s Work” excerpt

Francisco stood in the parking lot with his grandfather and the other men. It was the first time he had been there. A truck cruised along, slowed. The driver held up three fingers. “Bricklaying, I need three men”, he called. Five men jumped in the back. “Only three”, the driver said and two had to get out.

Drag and drop the correct answers into the graphic organizer below.

A Day’s Work	The narrator is outside of the story and can see what is going on in the story.
The narrator is a character inside the story and telling their own story.	I see “I’s and “my”s in the story
I see “he’s”, “his”, and “him” in the story.	First and third person point of view describe the character in a story
The character Sassy is the one describing her own actions. The narrator outside the story is telling the story.	Dancing in the Wings

I can compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated.		
Questions	Text: <input type="text"/>	Text: <input type="text"/>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Who is telling the story?" "Is it a narrator inside or outside of the story?" • How do you know? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="text"/> • Sassy is telling us what she is thinking and feeling throughout the story. • I know this because the text says, my mom calls me Sassy, 'cause I like to put my hands on my hips and 'cause I always have something to say. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A narrator is telling the story from the outside looking in. • <input type="text"/> • I know this because the text says, Francisco stood in the parking lot with his grandfather and the other men. It was the first time he'd been there.
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which pronouns are used by the narrator to refer to the characters? (Focus on narration, not "dialogue") • How do you know? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="text"/> • I know this because the text says, ever since I was born and could see, Everywhere I looked, I saw dance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="text"/> • I know this because the text says, He took his grandfather's cold, rough hand and smiled at him.
<p>Compare and Contrast</p> <p>Problems and Changes</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the point of view in the stories the same? 	<p><u>The point of view is similar in that</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <input type="text"/> • Both use pronouns. • Both have narrators 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the point of view in the stories different? 	<p><u>The point of view is different in that</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sassy is told in first person and it allows me to really get to know Sassy because she is speaking directly to the reader, while A Day's Work is told in third person and it allows me to get to know several characters (Francisco) and the secondary characters (grandpa) and their thoughts and actions because the writer is sharing all of their points of view.. • <input type="text"/> 	