Name _____

Date _____

Compare and Contrast Main Ideas

Part 2: A Strange Creature



Last summer I went to visit my uncle who lives in Australia. While I was there, we went fishing early one morning at the river near his house. As we were getting our fishing poles ready, I saw something out of the corner of my eye. It looked like the tail of a beaver!

About thirty seconds later, I saw a duck's bill come up out of the water near where I saw the beaver. But as it began to bring its head out of the water, I saw that it had fur instead of feathers! I rubbed my eyes in confusion. The sun wasn't up all the way yet, so it was still a little dark. Maybe it was a beaver after all?

When it finally stepped out of the water, I saw that it really did have a bill and webbed feet like a duck. But then I saw that it had four feet instead of two. Its smooth fur looked like an otter's, but its body was much shorter. I stared in amazement as the strange creature quickly disappeared into its home in the ground. I'd never seen anything like that before!

A platypus



1 - HAS

2 - IS

3 - LIVES

___ a mammal

___ claws like a bear

___ a bill like a duck

___ in Australia

___ webbed feet like a duck

___ a tail like a beaver

___ fur instead of feathers

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS