Red, White, and Blue – Version #1:

Fourth of July was Ella’s favorite holiday. She loved going to beach with her family. They spent the day swimming and building sand castles. When it began to get dark, they set up their chairs on the beach and waited for the fireworks. Ella thought they were the most beautiful thing she had ever seen.

Ella’s sister, Cassandra, didn’t like the fireworks. She thought they were too loud. Scooter, the family dog, didn’t like them either. When the fireworks started, Cassandra and Scooter waited in the car. Ella could hear Scooter barking all the way from the beach.

Before the fireworks started, Ella’s dad got out the sparklers he had purchased the day before. They had sparklers every year. This year, the sparklers lit up in red, white, and blue. Ella held hers as high as possible. She felt like the Statue of Liberty. Ella’s brother Jonah made circles with his. Cassandra liked sparklers because they didn’t make any noise. She tried to write her name in the sky.

Soon, the fireworks started. Ella watched in awe as music played in the background. She wished they would never end.

Red, White, and Blue – Version #2:

Fourth of July was Ella’s favorite holiday. She loved going to her grandparents with her family. They spent the day playing games and having water balloon fights. When it began to get dark, they set up their chairs in the front yard and waited for the fireworks. Ella thought they were the most beautiful thing she had ever seen.

Ella’s brother, Stephen, didn’t like the fireworks. She thought they were too loud. Scooter, the family dog, didn’t like them either. When the fireworks started, Stephen and Scooter waited in the house. Ella could hear Scooter barking all the way from the yard.

Before the fireworks started, Ella’s dad got out the sparklers he had purchased the day before. They had sparklers every year. This year, the sparklers lit up in red, white, and blue. Ella held hers as high as possible. She felt like the Statue of Liberty. Stephen pretended he was Luke Skywalker playing with a light saber. Ella’s sister, Cassandra, tried to write her name in the sky.

Soon, the fireworks started. Ella watched in awe as music played in the background. She wished they would never end.
Red, White, and Blue Questions:

1. Name two things that are the same in each story:
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2. Name two things that are the different in each story:
   1. ___________________________________________________
   2. ___________________________________________________