

Great Discoveries

DIRECTIONS: Compare and contrast the two paragraphs. Answer the questions below.

Penicillin, a very important medicine, was discovered by accident. Researcher Alexander Fleming was away from his lab all weekend. When he got back, he found a mold growing in his petri dishes. The mold had stopped the growth of a bacteria he had been growing. Fleming tried out penicillin with different kinds of bacteria and it stopped the growth of each one.



Alexander Fleming peered down into his petri dish. What on earth? He adjusted his glasses and looked more closely. There was clearly some sort of mold growing there, and what's more, his bacteria had stopped growing! This was not the experiment that he had set out to do. But he felt excited. Would this mold stop other bacteria from growing as well? He experimented with it, and the mold stopped bacteria from growing every time.

1. What happens in this paragraph?

2. This paragraph seems like part of an:

- A. article
- B. story

3. Does this paragraph reveal Fleming's feelings about his discovery?

- A. yes
- B. no

4. What happens in this paragraph?

5. This paragraph seems like part of an:

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6. Does this paragraph reveal Fleming's feelings about his discovery?

- A. yes
- B. no