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Compare and Contrast



Emma galloped into the barnyard on Midnight, her black stallion. Dust rose up in clouds behind them. Emma tugged lightly on the reins and Midnight stopped immediately, with a whinny. "Good boy, Midnight," Emma said, leaning forward to pat him on the neck. She slipped off of her horse and let him to his stall. There she gave him fresh water, and began to rub down his glistening body with a cloth. She pet him the whole time, saying soothing things to him, and occasionally Midnight would turn his head and bump against Emma affectionately. When he was clean and dry she gave him a bucket of oats, hanging on the gate to his stall with her chin resting on her folded arms, watching him eat it.

1. In each paragraph the girl is riding a horse. How are these two events the same? How are they different?



Penny and Martha meandered along the wooded trail. Martha occasionally pawed the ground and snorted, and Penny gazed up into the trees, enjoying the way the sunlight came down splintered into beams, and illuminating a leaf, or a single spot the size of a quarter on the front of her saddle. Penny held the reins lightly, letting Martha have her head. After a while they came to a grassy clearing, and Penny slid off of her horse. She plucked up a handful of grass and offered it to Martha. She ate it from her hand, slowly, and when it was gone, lowered her head to the ground and began to pull the long, green leaves of grass from the ground herself.

2. In each paragraph the girl feeds her horse. How are these two events the same? How are they different?
