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# The Outer Banks

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the two texts below. Then use the Venn diagram to compare and contrast them.

**Text #1:** North Carolina's Outer Banks is a series of islands off the coast of North Carolina. These islands, which are largely sandbars, are connected to the U.S. mainland in the northeast corner of North Carolina, and form a barrier between the Atlantic Ocean and much of the eastern edge of the state. In between the Outer Banks and the rest of the state is a body of water called the "sound." The islands of the Outer Banks are connected to each other by bridges, so that it is possible to travel from the Northern Beaches all the way down to the end of Hatteras Island. To reach the next island down, Ocracoke, it is necessary to take a ferry.

**Text #2:** The Outer Banks is a 200-mile long series of narrow barrier islands. They begin in the southeastern corner of Virginia Beach and extend to cover most of the North Carolina coastline. They separate the Currituck Sound, Albemarle Sound and Pamlico Sound from the Atlantic Ocean. The Outer Banks draws many tourists annually. It is known for its vast expanses of undeveloped beachfront, multiple campgrounds, and historical attractions. In the nearby town of Kitty Hawk, the Wright brothers' first flight took place at Kill Devil Hills, and a monument and museum there commemorate the event. People also often visit nearby Roanoke to see the play *The Lost Colony*, about an early English colony that vanished from Roanoke Island in 1587. The Outer Banks is also well known for its many shipwrecks, and has been nicknamed the "graveyard of the Atlantic." The Graveyard of the Atlantic museum is located in Hatteras Village on the island of Hatteras.

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**Text #1**

**Text #2**

**WHAT IS THE SAME**

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