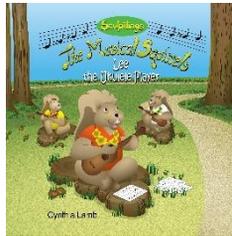


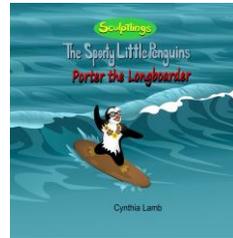
Comparing Sculptling Books

Lee the Ukulele Player

Porter the Longboarder



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Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Lee the Ukulele Player with other Sculptlings Books, such as Porter the Longboarder and compare the 2 messages.

Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same?

Example Comparison: Lee helps his friends in the band learn how to play music the right way. Porter helps his friends learn how to surf the waves safely. Although one teaches music, and the other teaches surfing, they both help their friends and teach them how to do better. They teach us that listening and following directions is important.

Ideas for how to review these books with your Preschool kids.

- Discuss the Characters facial expressions. Are they happy, sad or upset in the illustrations.
- Discuss the characters similarities. (Example: Both help their friends)
- Discuss the characters differences. (Example: Lee plays an instrument and teaches music. Porter rides a longboard and teaches surfing.)

Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–7)

Help older kids think more critically and connect the story to real-life situations:

- Discuss what each character teaches their friends.
- What are the lessons that their friends learn from them?
- Discuss the obstacles the characters face when trying to help their friends. *Do their friends listen to them?*
- Discuss the advice that both characters give their friends.
- Discuss the sayings or metaphors that the characters use in the story.



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Lee the Ukulele Player and Porter the Longboarder

Discussion Topics & Questions for Preschoolers

Comparison Example:

Lee and Porter are both helpers.

- Lee helps his friends in the band learn how to play music the right way.
- Porter helps his friends learn how to surf the waves safely.

They both practice and work hard at what they do.

- Lee practices his ukulele songs.
- Porter prepares by waxing his surfboard and learning how the waves work.
- Lee plays music with a band.
- Porter surfs with his friends at the beach.

They both teach their friends how to do better

- Lee teaches his friends to listen and practice
- Porter teaches his friends to wait for the right time to paddle.

They are both kind and patient, and they like to help others learn something new.



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Comparing Lee the Ukulele Player and Porter the Longboarder

Create a Comparison Chart

| Question | Lee | Porter |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| What does he do? | Plays music | Surfs on waves |
| Does he prepare himself? | Yes – he practices all day | Yes – he waxes his board the night before |
| Does he help his friends? | Yes –corrects them when they don't sing or play correctly | Yes – he corrects them when the can't pass the wave |
| What does he teach? | Practice and listening | How to surf safely |

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

The Similarities Between Both Stories :

- They both help their friends
- Both are good at something
- Both teach a lesson about listening and following directions
- Both use kind words to help their friends

Differences Between Both Stories:

- Lee plays an instrument (a ukulele)
- Porter rides a longboard (he surfs)
- Lee's problem is about getting his friends to play music well together
- Porter's problem is about getting his friends over the waves



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Discussion Topics & Questions for Preschoolers

1. What do Lee and Porter both do to get ready?

- Lee practices his music. Porter gets his board ready and watches the waves.

2. How does Lee and Porter help their friends?

- Lee helps his band play better. Porter helps his friends surf the right way.

3. What is Lee really good at? What is Porter really good at?

- Lee is good at playing the ukulele. Porter is good at surfing.

Follow-up: *What is something you're good at? (open discussion.)*

4. Did they both work with other people?

- Yes! Lee played with a band. Porter surfed with friends.

Follow-up: *Why is it fun to do things with others? (open discussion)*

5. What is something that goes wrong in both stories?

- In Lee's story, someone sings too loud and plays the wrong song. In Porter's story, his friends paddle into big waves and get knocked over.

6. What do Lee and Porter teach us?

- They teach us to listen and follow direction. It makes it easier than trying to figure things out on our own.



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Discussion Topics & Questions for Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

1. What are Lee and Porter both really good at?

Lee is good at playing music. Porter is good at surfing.

Follow-up: *Do you have a special skill like Lee or Porter? Have you tried to teach someone how to do it?*

2. How did each character help their friends?

Lee helped his band play together. Porter helped his friends learn how to get through the waves safely.

3. Who was a better leader—Lee or Porter? Why?

There's no wrong answer! Let kids explain their thinking.

Example: "I think Porter, because he showed his friends what to do without getting mad."

4. How did both characters show kindness or patience?

Lee didn't give up on his bandmates. Porter gave his friends advice and helped them try again.

Problem Solving & Lessons

5. What problems did Lee and Porter face?

Lee had bandmates who didn't listen or practice. Porter's friends kept getting wiped out by big waves.

6. How did they solve those problems?

Lee talked to his bandmates and made a plan. Porter taught his friends to wait for the sets and use the current.



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7. What lesson can we learn from Lee's story?

Practice, teamwork, and listening are important when playing with others.

8. What lesson can we learn from Porter's story?

Watch and learn from others, ask for help, and be smart about when to try.

Compare & Contrast Thinking

9. How are Lee and Porter the same?

They both help others. They both teach. They both work in groups. They both do something they love.

10. How are they different?

Lee plays music. Porter surfs. Lee's story is about a band; Porter's is about the beach. Lee fixes music problems, Porter fixes ocean problems.

Personal Connection

11. If you could join one of the characters for a day, who would you pick—Lee or Porter? Why?

Kids might say: "Lee, because I love music!" or "Porter, because I want to try surfing!"

12. Have you ever had to help a friend like Lee or Porter did? What did you do?

This encourages storytelling, empathy, and real-world connection.



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Similarities Between: Lee and Porter

| What's the Same? | Lee the Ukulele Player | Porter the Longboarder |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| They both have a special skill | Plays the ukulele | Rides a longboard |
| They both practice a lot | Practices music and rhythm | Practices surfing and paddling |
| They both help their friends | Helps his band play better | Helps his friends surf safely |
| They both teach a lesson | Teaches about listening & teamwork | Teaches about timing & safety |
| They both work in a group | Plays with a band | Surfs with a group of friends |
| They both face a problem | Bandmate sings too loud or plays wrong | Friends keep getting knocked down by waves |
| They both are kind leaders | Gives advice and helps the band | Shows his friends a better way |
| They both make a plan | Plays to rhythm and beat | Waits for the current and small waves |



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Differences Between: Lee and Porter

| Lee the Ukulele Player | Porter the Longboarder |
|---|--|
| Plays music (ukulele) | Rides waves (longboard) |
| Practices songs | Practices surfing |
| Helps friends in a band | Helps friends at the beach |
| Teaches how to listen, follow rhythm, and practice | Teaches how to paddle smart and use the ocean current |
| Problem: Bandmates weren't practicing or listening | Problem: Friends were paddling into big waves and getting knocked over |
| Solves problems by talking to friends and creating a plan | Solves problems by showing a better way and giving advice |
| Story happens in a music or group practice setting | Story happens at the seashore/ocean |
| Works with musicians | Works with surfers |
| Lesson: Practice and teamwork make music better | Lesson: Patience and smart thinking make surfing safer |



The Musical Squirrel Series

Compare and Contrast Questions

Comparison Questions: Circle the best answer:

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- A. A drum
- B. A ukulele
- C. A kite

2. What does Porter ride?

- A. A skateboard
- B. A fish
- C. A surfboard

3. Who does Lee play music with?

- A. His brothers
- B. A band
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4. Where does Porter go surfing?

- A. In a pool
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5. What do Lee and Porter both do?

- A. Go to sleep
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- C. Don't go out in the water

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9. What was the problem in Lee's band?

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- A. To follow what your friends are doing.
- B. You can learn from their mistakes.
- C. Your friends are always right.

8. According to Lee, When is it really important to practice?

- A. When everyone is watching
- B. When you are going to perform with others
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9. What are the differences between Lee and Porter?

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