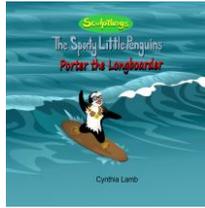


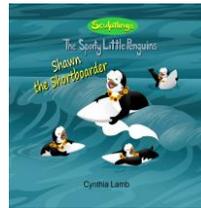


Comparing Sculptling Books

Porter the Longboarder Shawn the Shortboarder



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Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Porter the Longboarder with other Sculptlings Books, such as Shawn the Shortboarder and compare the 2 messages.

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

Example: (Porter and Shawn both ride their surfboards and love being in the ocean. Porter helps his friends learn how to surf, and Shawn gives happy advice to others. Porter helps others by teaching them how to surf. Shawn talks about using courage and positive thinking to advise others how to handle a bad day.)

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

- Discuss what Porter and Shawn both like to do. *(They both like to surf and help others)*
- What do both Porter and Shawn show us about friends? *(Friends help each other and share what they know)*
- They both use waves to teach us something. *(Porter teaches us how to surf the waves safely, and Shawn uses the waves to teach us how to handle problems!)*
- Reinforce that mistakes are part of learning. That it's okay to be upset but not to let that stop them from trying again.

Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–7)

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

- Discuss both character's character traits. Help kids see that both characters are caring and have good qualities, even if they help in different ways.
- Introduce the idea that people can help in different ways. Some by doing deeds, some by being encouraging.
- Discuss what Porter taught you in his story. Reinforce the importance of patience, problem-solving, and helping others learn.
- Discuss what Shawn wants us to remember from his story. Talk about courage, positive thinking, and how attitude can change how we feel.
- What did each character do that showed they are a good friend? (Porter didn't give up on his friends. Shawn gave good advice. Support social-emotional learning and friendship values.



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Compare & Contrast

Similarities Between Porter and Shawn make **Porter and Shawn** great tools for teaching kids about: Social-emotional learning, Friendship, Resilience, Cooperation and Confidence

1. They both love surfing.

- They love the waves, the water, and the fun of surfing. Porter rides a longboard and Shawn rides a shortboard, but they both enjoy catching waves!

2. They both care about their friends.

- Porter helps his friends learn how to surf. Shawn shares advice to help others feel better.

3. They both give helpful advice.

- Porter teaches his friends when and how to paddle. Shawn teaches us to be brave and think positively.

4. They both want to help others learn.

- Porter shows others the smart way to get past the waves. Shawn teaches others how to deal with tough times.

5. They both stay calm and don't give up.

- Porter waits for the right moment instead of rushing. Shawn keeps going even when the waves are big.

6. They both have a positive attitude.

- Porter stays patient and happy when his friends succeed. Shawn reminds everyone to smile and not give up.

7. They both are good role models.

- Porter shows us how to help with actions. Shawn shows us how to help with kind words and feelings.

8. They both learn through experience.

- Porter learns what works by watching his friends struggle. Shawn learns lessons from falling and shares what he knows.

10. They both finish their stories feeling good.

- Porter feels proud of helping his friends. Shawn feels strong and happy after facing big waves.



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Differences Between Porter and Shawn These differences help kids understand how people can be helpful in different ways: (*Porter shows us how to teach with actions, Shawn shows us how to encourage with words.*)

1. What kind of board they ride

- Porter rides a longboard (a big surfboard). Shawn rides a shortboard (a smaller, quicker board).

2. How they help others

- Porter helps by giving step-by-step directions and teaching his friends how to surf safely.
- Shawn helps by sharing encouraging words and teaching people how to be brave and positive.

3. What they teach us

- Porter teaches about patience, teamwork, and learning from mistakes.
- Shawn teaches about courage, positive thinking, and not giving up.

4. How they learn

- Porter learns by watching his friends make mistakes in the water.
- Shawn learns by going through tough times himself and sharing what he learned.

5. What they talk about

- Porter talks more about surfing steps and how to get past the waves.
- Shawn talks more about feelings, like being scared, being brave, and staying happy.

6. How they handle problems

- Porter stays calm and finds a smart way to solve the problem (using the current and waiting).
- Shawn stays calm by using positive thinking and courage when things feel scary.

7. Focus of the story

- Porter's focus is on surfing with friends and teaching them how to do it the right way.
- Shawn's focus is on life lessons—like how to stay strong when you feel nervous or afraid.



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These two stories can be compared with emotion focus. The way these story teaches us about how we feel inside and what to do with those feelings.

Story	Emotion Focus
Porter the Longboarder	The story focuses on feelings like frustration , patience , and being helpful to friends.
Shawn the Shortboarder	The story focuses on bravery , positivity , and not being afraid when things are hard.

Create a Comparison Chart

Category	Porter the Longboarder	Shawn the Shortboarder
Surfboard Type	Longboard (big)	Shortboard (small)
Main Character Trait	A teacher and helper	A positive and brave thinker
What He Does	Helps friends learn how to surf	Shares advice to help others feel strong
What He Teaches	Be patient, wait for the right time, help others	Think happy thoughts, be brave, keep going
How He Helps	Gives step-by-step directions	Uses kind words and encouragement
How He Solves Problems	Watches, thinks, and finds a smart solution	Stays calm, breathes, and uses courage
What He Says	"Wait for the right wave." "A little advice goes a long way."	"Smile instead of frown." "Be brave and ride the wave."
Lesson about Feelings	Learning from mistakes	Handling fear, staying happy
Who He Helps	His friends in the water	Anyone who feels scared or unsure
Message of the Story	Learn together, help each other	Be strong, stay positive, and don't give up



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Circle the Best answer.

1. Who teaches his friends how to surf?

- A) Shawn
- B) Porter

2. Who says happy thoughts will make you happy?

- B) Porter
- C) Shawn

3. What do both Porter and Shawn love to do?

- A) Watch their friend's surf
- B) Help their friends surf
- C) Stop their friends from surfing

4. Who helps others by using kind words?

- A) Shawn
- B) Porter

5. Who helps others by showing them what to do?

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- B) Porter



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6. Who says, “Smile instead of frown”?

- A) Shawn
- B) Porter

7. Who waits for the right time to surf?

- A) Shawn
- B) Porter

8. What do both Porter and Shawn do when something is hard?

- A) Give up and quit
- B) Stay home and don't try
- C) Keep trying

9. Who uses a big surfboard?

- A) Shawn
- B) Porter

10. What do both characters show us?

- A) To stop trying to help others
- B) You don't learn from others and to give up
- C) It feels good to help others and not give up



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Preschool

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- A) Cry and swim away from the wave
- B) Hide and don't go in the water
- C) Take a deep breath and be brave

9. Why do Porter's friends struggle in the water at first?

- A) They didn't listen
- B) They tried paddling into big waves
- C) They forgot what Porter said

10. What does Shawn do when a wave looks scary?

- A) He swims away from it
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- A) That surfing is only for penguins
- B) That it's okay to be scared and not try
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