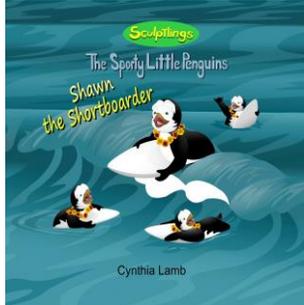


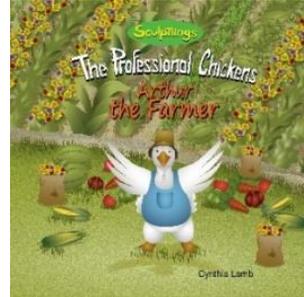


Comparing Sculptling Books

Shawn the Shortboarder



Arthur the Farmer



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Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Shawn the Shortboarder with other Sculptlings Books, such as Arthur the Farmer and compare the 2 messages. Introduce the idea that both stories use metaphors to teach life lessons.

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

Example: (Even though Shawn and Arthur are different characters and live in very different places, they both teach the same wonderful idea: That you create your own world by how you think and act. Every thought is a wave or a seed. Ride it with joy, or plant it with love, and you'll grow a happy life!)

Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–8)

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

- The author uses metaphors. Explain how metaphors are words that mean something more than what they say. Ask if the child can find one? (*Hint: like seeds, garden, flowers...*) Give examples: “Life is a rollercoaster” = ups and downs. Or “A smile is sunshine” = it spreads warmth.
- Compare and contrast the stories. Find similarities within their messages.
- Discuss even though they live in different worlds, how are they the same?
Shawn’s side: Surfs waves, faces challenges, teaches courage and staying positive.
Arthur’s side: Grows plants, focuses on kindness and good choices, teaches patience.
(Both): Positive attitude, teaching lessons about life, helping others, being kind.

Ideas for how to review these books with younger kids.

- Go page by page: Ask, “What’s happening here?” Describe what the characters are feeling. (*Happy, Sad, Scared etc. And the outcome of how they handled the situation they are in.*)
- Rhyme Time: Find rhyming words together. “Did you hear any words that sound the same?”



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Compare & Contrast

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the main lesson each character teaches?

Question:

What lesson does Shawn teach in his story? What lesson does Arthur teach in his? And how are their lessons alike?

Answer Key:

Shawn teaches that life is like surfing, you have to stay positive, be brave, and keep going even when things get hard. Arthur teaches that life is like gardening. What you plant in your thoughts and actions will grow, so you should plant kindness and love. Both characters teach that attitude and choices shape your life.

2. How do Shawn and Arthur handle challenges?

Question:

When something difficult happens, how does each character respond?

Answer:

Shawn faces big, scary waves but stays calm and keeps paddling. He believes that courage helps you get through tough times. Arthur faces the challenge of helping others and making the world better, so he patiently plants seeds and spreads kindness. Shawn uses bravery; Arthur uses kindness and patience. Both show that challenges can be overcome with the right attitude.

3. How do the settings (the ocean and the garden) help teach the lesson?

Question:

Why do you think each story takes place where it does? How does the setting connect to the message?

Answer:

Shawn's ocean setting shows life's ups and downs, like waves that rise and fall. It helps explain that sometimes life is smooth, and sometimes it's rough, but you can always ride through it. Arthur's garden shows how actions and words grow over time, just like seeds. It helps teach that what we do today affects what happens later. Both settings use nature to explain how life works.



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Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Compare & Contrast

4. What do Shawn and Arthur believe about positive thinking?

Question:

How do both characters talk about being positive?

Answer:

Shawn believes that positive thoughts help you stay happy, even during difficult times. Arthur believes that positive thoughts and actions are like planting good seeds, they bring back love and happiness. Both think that your mindset can change your life and the world around you.

5. How do both characters help others?

Question:

Do Shawn and Arthur make a difference for other people?

Answer:

Yes. Shawn teaches others to be brave and enjoy life without fear. His positive attitude can inspire those around him. Arthur helps others by planting vegetables and spreading love through his garden. Both characters lead by example and show that kindness and courage can spread to others.

6. How do Shawn and Arthur think about the future?

Question:

What do they say about worrying or planning ahead?

Answer:

Shawn believes in living in the moment and not worrying about the future. He says to focus on enjoying each day as it comes. Arthur believes that what you do today creates your future, like planting seeds that grow later. Both show that your choices today matter, but Shawn focuses on enjoying the present while Arthur focuses on preparing for a good future.

7. What symbols do the wave and the seed represent?

Question:

What does the wave represent in Shawn's story? What does the seed represent in Arthur's story?

Answer:

The wave represents life's challenges and changes. The seed represents thoughts, actions, and the results they produce. The wave shows how to stay strong during hard times, and the seed shows how to grow something good over time. Both symbols teach about growth, learning, and the power of positivity.



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Compare & Contrast

8. How do Shawn and Arthur feel about mistakes?

Question:

What happens when things go wrong in each story?

Answer:

Shawn says that falling off the surfboard or wiping out is okay because it helps you learn and grow stronger. Arthur says that if you plant the wrong seeds or say something unkind, you can regret it but still learn from it. Both believe mistakes are lessons, not failures.

9. How do the stories make readers feel about life?

Question:

How does each story make you think or feel about the way you live your life?

Answer:

Shawn's story makes readers feel confident and brave, ready to face challenges without fear. Arthur's story makes readers feel thoughtful and inspired to be kind and make good choices. Both stories encourage readers to take control of their attitude and to make the world better.

10. What kind of person would you rather be, a surfer or a gardener?

Question:

If you could be like one of them, who would you choose and why?

Answer:

Students might say they would rather be like Shawn because they want to be brave and adventurous, or like Arthur because they want to be gentle and helpful. There is no wrong answer, both characters show positive ways to live.



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Similarities Between Shawn and Arthur

1. Positive Attitude:

Both characters believe in thinking positively, even when life gets tough.

2. Teachers of Life Lessons:

Each story teaches readers how to live happily and handle challenges wisely.

3. Nature Connection:

Both characters use nature to explain their lessons, Shawn uses the ocean and waves, while Arthur uses the garden and seeds.

4. Encourage Good Choices:

They both show that your choices, how you think, act, and treat others shape your life.

5. Helping Others:

Shawn inspires others to be brave; Arthur inspires others to be kind and caring.

6. Overcoming Challenges:

Both face difficulties (big waves for Shawn, growing a healthy garden for Arthur) and show how to stay calm and keep going.

7. Focus on Growth:

Shawn grows by learning courage through the waves. Arthur grows by nurturing plants and kindness. Both show personal growth and improvement.

8. Inner Strength:

Shawn shows strength through courage; Arthur shows strength through patience. Both have strong hearts and steady minds.

9. Spread Positivity:

Each character shares their positive outlook with others to make the world a better place.

10. Metaphorical Thinkers:

Both use symbols (waves and seeds) to represent life, showing that the world can teach us lessons if we pay attention.



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Differences Between Shawn and Arthur

1. Where They Live:

Shawn lives by the ocean. Arthur lives on land with gardens and plants.

2. What They Do:

Shawn surfs waves in the sea. Arthur grows vegetables and flowers in his garden.

3. What They Teach:

Shawn teaches about courage, staying positive, and facing fears. Arthur teaches about kindness, patience, and making good choices.

4. Main Symbol:

Shawn's story uses waves to represent life's challenges. Arthur's story uses seeds to represent thoughts and actions.

5. How They Handle Problems:

Shawn paddles through the waves and keeps going even when it's tough. Arthur takes time to care for his garden and makes sure he plants good seeds.

6. Type of Challenge:

Shawn faces physical challenges, like big, scary waves. Arthur faces moral challenges, like choosing the right words and actions.

7. Speed and Energy:

Shawn's world moves fast and is full of action. Arthur's world moves slowly and is full of careful work.

8. View of Time:

Shawn focuses on living in the moment and not worrying about the future. Arthur focuses on how today's actions create the future harvest.

9. Lesson About Growth:

Shawn grows through bravery and confidence. Arthur grows through kindness and care.

10. Main Message:

Shawn teaches us to stay strong and brave when life feels stormy. Arthur teaches us to be kind and thoughtful so that good things grow in our lives.



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Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Create a Comparison Chart Between Shawn and Arthur

Category	Shawn the Shortboarder	Arthur the Farmer
Setting	The ocean and the beach.	A farm and garden on land.
Main Activity	Surfing and riding waves.	Planting and growing vegetables.
Symbol / Metaphor	Waves represent life's ups and downs.	Seeds represent thoughts, words, and actions.
Main Lesson	Stay brave, positive, and strong when life feels hard.	Be kind, patient, and careful with what you say and do.
How They Face Challenges	Paddles through rough waves and keeps trying.	Plants good seeds and learns from mistakes.
Attitude Toward Life	Lives in the moment and doesn't worry about the future.	Believes that what you do today will grow into your future.
Personality Traits	Brave, energetic, positive, and courageous.	Kind, patient, helpful, and caring.
How They Help Others	Encourages others to face fears and stay positive.	Inspires others to be kind and make good choices.
Connection to Nature	Learns lessons from the ocean and the waves.	Learns lessons from the soil and growing plants.
Type of Growth	Grows through courage and experience.	Grows through kindness and responsibility.
Main Message	"Ride the waves of life with courage and joy."	"Plant seeds of kindness and watch good things grow."



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Create a Comparison Chart of the Similarities Between Shawn and Arthur

Category	Shawn the Shortboarder	Arthur the Farmer	How They're Similar
Setting	Lives by the ocean and spends time surfing waves.	Lives on land and spends time gardening.	Both learn lessons from nature.
Main Activity	Surfing and riding waves.	Planting and growing vegetables.	Both do something they love outdoors.
Life Lesson	Teaches courage, staying positive, and facing fears.	Teaches kindness, patience, and making good choices.	Both teach positive lessons about life.
Symbol/Metaphor	Waves represent life's ups and downs.	Seeds represent thoughts and actions that grow.	Both use nature to explain life's lessons.
How They Handle Challenges	Faces big waves and keeps paddling through them.	Faces problems by carefully tending his garden and making good choices.	Both stay calm and handle problems positively.
View of Time	Lives in the moment and doesn't worry about the future.	Believes that what you do today creates your future harvest.	Both focus on living well and making good choices each day.
Personality Traits	Brave, confident, and energetic.	Kind, patient, and thoughtful.	Both have a positive attitude and a caring heart.
Main Message	Don't give up, be brave and stay happy through life's challenges.	Be kind and thoughtful, your actions will grow into good things.	Both show that a good attitude creates a good life.
Connection to Others	Inspires people to be brave and face their fears.	Inspires people to be kind and make a difference in the world.	Both help others and spread positivity.
Overall Theme	Life is like surfing, you can ride the waves and enjoy the journey.	Life is like gardening; you grow what you plant.	Both teach that your thoughts and actions shape your life.



Comparing Sculpting Books

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Create a Comparison Chart of the Differences Between Shawn and Arthur

Shawn the Shortboarder	Arthur the Farmer
Lives by the ocean and spends his time surfing the waves.	Lives on land and spends his time growing plants in a garden.
Teaches lessons about courage, facing fears, and staying brave when life gets rough.	Teaches lessons about kindness, patience, and how our actions affect others.
Uses waves as a symbol for life's ups and downs.	Uses seeds and gardens as a symbol for how our thoughts and actions grow over time.
Focuses on living in the moment and not worrying about the future.	Focuses on how what you do today creates your future "harvest."
Handles challenges by paddling through and not giving up.	Handles challenges by nurturing and taking care of things patiently.
Faces physical challenges like big waves that test his bravery.	Faces moral challenges like making good choices and spreading kindness.
Moves with energy and action surfing, paddling, and riding waves.	Works calmly and steadily planting, watering, and harvesting.
Learns lessons from the movement of the ocean.	Learns lessons from the growth of the earth.
Represents a fast, changing, and adventurous side of life.	Represents a slow, steady, and thoughtful side of life.
Teaches others to face their fears and stay positive.	Teaches others to be kind, careful, and thoughtful about their words and actions.

Summary of the Differences

Shawn's world is full of motion and courage; he shows us how to stay brave when life feels unpredictable. Arthur's world is full of growth and patience; he shows us how to care for others and build a better future.

Even though they live in very different worlds, both characters help us understand that life is about attitude, choices, and care.



The Professional Chickens Series

Compare and Contrast Questions

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

1. What do both *Shawn the Shortboarder* and *Arthur the Farmer* teach about life?

- A. That life is always easy and never changes.
- B. That being brave and kind helps you get through challenges.
- C. That you should never try new things.
- D. That the ocean and the garden are the same.

2. How do Shawn and Arthur both show that what you do matters?

- A. They both ignore problems until they go away.
- B. They both show that your thoughts and actions can change your life.
- C. They both wait for someone else to fix their problems.
- D. They both think life is unfair.

3. Which sentence best describes the message of both stories?

- A. "Don't worry about anyone else, just think about yourself."
- B. "Always give up when things get hard."
- C. "Stay positive and keep trying, even when life feels hard."
- D. "Life is only fun when everything goes your way."

4. Which character teaches about bravery?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

5. Which character teaches about kindness and caring for others?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them



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Compare and Contrast Questions

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

6. What does the wave in Shawn's story represent?

- A. Wind
- B. Life's challenges
- C. Flowers
- D. Happiness

7. What do the seeds in Arthur's story represent?

- A. Vegetables
- B. Thoughts, actions, and kindness
- C. Flowers
- D. Big waves

8. Which story shows living in the moment and not worrying about the future?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

9. Which story teaches that your choices today affect the future?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

10. How are Shawn and Arthur similar?

- A. They both spend all day selling things.
- B. They both show that positive thinking and actions make life better.
- C. They both enjoy dealing with problems.
- D. They both teach you to ignore problems.



Comparing Sculpting Books Answer Key

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Question 1 What do both *Shawn the Shortboarder* and *Arthur the Farmer* teach about life?

- A. That life is always easy and never changes.
- B. That being brave and kind helps you get through challenges.
- C. That you should never try new things.
- D. That the ocean and the garden are the same.

Explanation: Both Shawn and Arthur teach that staying positive; whether you're riding waves or planting seeds, it helps you live a happy, strong life.

Question 2 How do Shawn and Arthur both show that what you do matters?

- A. They both ignore problems until they go away.
- B. They both show that your thoughts and actions can change your life.
- C. They both wait for someone else to fix their problems.
- D. They both think life is unfair.

Explanation: Shawn stays brave when waves get big, and Arthur plants good seeds to grow love and kindness. Both show that what you do and think makes a difference.

Question 3 Which sentence best describes the message of both stories?

- A. "Don't worry about anyone else, just think about yourself."
- B. "Always give up when things get hard."
- C. "Stay positive and keep trying, even when life feels hard."
- D. "Life is only fun when everything goes your way."

Explanation: Shawn teaches courage when facing big waves, and Arthur teaches patience and kindness when growing his garden. Both show that good things come from staying strong and positive.

Question 4 Which character teaches about bravery?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

Explanation: Shawn faces big waves and scary moments, showing that courage helps you get through tough situations.



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Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Question 4 Which character teaches about bravery?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

Explanation: Shawn faces big waves and scary moments, showing that courage helps you get through tough situations.

Question 5 Which character teaches about kindness and caring for others?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

Explanation: Arthur plants seeds and spreads love, showing that helping and being kind to others makes the world better.

Question 6 What does the wave in Shawn's story represent?

- A. Wind
- B. Life's challenges
- C. Flowers
- D. Happiness

Explanation: Shawn compares waves to the ups and downs of life, showing how to stay positive and brave.

Question 7 What do the seeds in Arthur's story represent?

- A. Vegetables
- B. Thoughts, actions, and kindness
- C. Flowers
- D. Big waves

Explanation: Arthur teaches that what you do today, like planting seeds, will grow into results later, just like your actions affect your life and others.



Comparing Sculpting Books Answer Key

Shawn the Shortboarder and Arthur the Farmer

Question 8 Which story shows living in the **moment** and not worrying about the future?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

Explanation:

Shawn focuses on enjoying each day and riding each wave, instead of worrying about what comes next.

Question 9 Which story teaches that **your choices today affect the future**?

- A. Shawn the Shortboarder
- B. Arthur the Farmer
- C. Both of them
- D. Neither of them

Explanation:

Arthur shows that planting good seeds today will grow into good things tomorrow, teaching the importance of careful and kind choices.

Question 10 How are Shawn and Arthur similar?

- A. They both spend all day selling things.
- B. They both show that positive thinking and actions make life better.
- C. They both enjoy dealing with problems.
- D. They both teach you to ignore problems.

Explanation:

Even though Shawn teaches bravery and Arthur teaches kindness, both encourage a positive attitude to improve life and help others.