

Comparing Anne and Gilbert's Decisions

Anne of Green Gables

20 minutes

OBJECTIVE

Compare two self-sacrificing decisions by identifying what each character gives up, whom it helps, and what the decisions share.

STUDENT PRODUCT

A two-column comparison with one similarity and one difference.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How are Anne's and Gilbert's decisions alike, and how are the sacrifices different?

TEXT FOCUS

Anne gives up an opportunity to stay with Marilla; Gilbert gives up an opportunity that helps Anne.

LESSON SEQUENCE

1. Anne | 3 min State what Anne gives up and who benefits.
2. Gilbert | 3 min State what Gilbert gives up and who benefits.
3. Similarity | 5 min Explain the principle both decisions share.
4. Difference | 5 min Explain how the costs or beneficiaries differ.
5. Conclude | 4 min Write one sentence about what the paired decisions reveal about care or loyalty.

TEACHER KEY / EXPECTED THINKING

Both decisions put another person's needs ahead of personal advantage, but Anne's sacrifice centers on caring for Marilla while Gilbert's directly creates an opportunity for Anne.

LOOK FOR

- Accurately states both decisions.
- Identifies a defensible similarity.
- Identifies a meaningful difference.

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