Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I can compare and contrast the most important points and key details of

two texts on the same topic.

***Read the two passages below about Marin Luther King, Jr.***

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born in Georgia in 1929. He was a good student, and went to college to become a preacher. He went on to

become a great speaker and a famous American leader.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the main leaders of the civil rights movement. “Civil rights” are rights that should belong to all of

the citizens of the country. Dr. King

worked to make things equal for people regardless of their *race*, or color of their skin.

Dr. King believed that it was important to fight for what was right without using violence. The *nonviolent protest*s that Dr. King organized and in which he participated, including marches and *sit-ins* (where people would sit in an area where something bad had happened, and they wouldn’t do anything, but they wouldn’t leave),

persuaded many Americans that the civil rights movement was right.

Martin Luther King is remembered for his tireless work for equality and peace. He

is honored in the United States every year in January. A national holiday, called Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, is celebrated on the third

Monday in January.

**You Can Be Like Martin**

Martin was a peaceful boy,

And peaceful when a man.

He wanted peace for everyone

All throughout our land.

You can be a peaceful child,

Even a peaceful man.

You can be like Martin,

Yes, you can!

Martin had a dream, you know,

That all people would be free,

To live and work together,

In a country filled with peace.

You can be a dreamer,

Keep dreaming when a man.

You can be like Martin,

Yes, you can!

**By Mildred D. Johnson**

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Compare the passages *You Can Be Like Martin* and *Martin Luther King, Jr*. Describe two ways the passages are similar.

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