

Comparing Perspectives

Analyze and compare different news articles covering the same event. Highlight, underline, and/or mark up words and phrases that show evidence of tone, attitude, perspective, and feelings. Pay attention to word choice, selection of quotes, and any other details that help you understand the author's perspective.

Sunny Times

New Playground Brings Smiles to Sunnyville!



Excitement filled the air as Sunnyville welcomed its newest addition: a vibrant playground! Children played with joy on the swings, slides, and bridges. Parents watched proudly, their hearts warmed by the sounds of laughter and fun. It was a great time.

Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated town council, this playground has become a shining beacon of community spirit.

Mayor Johnson expressed his delight, stating, "It's wonderful to see our children playing and having fun in a safe environment. This playground is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together."

Local families praised the playground's accessibility, with special features for children of all abilities to enjoy. "Many activities are not accessible to my son, who uses a wheelchair," said a Sunnyville resident. "This park had special accommodations that allowed him to swing alongside his friends and feel included."

The playground's opening marks a bright new chapter for Sunnyville, where laughter and play will continue to bring our community together for years to come!

Sunnyville Voice

Debate Sparks Over New Playground Expenditure



Though many celebrated the opening of the new playground, some residents are raising concerns about its \$50,000 cost. The project, funded by city taxes, sparked a debate about whether the money could have been better spent for other community needs.

Critics argue that the money spent on the playground could have been used to improve local schools or repair crumbling roads.

"As a taxpayer, I question the priorities of our town council," a concerned citizen voiced. "While a playground is nice, shouldn't we be focusing on essential infrastructure?"

Others point out that investing in education and infrastructure would benefit the entire community in the long-term. "Sure, kids love playgrounds, but shouldn't we be thinking about their future too? Investing in education will help them succeed," stated a disappointed parent.

As the discussion unfolds, it's clear that while the playground may bring joy to some, it comes with a cost and there are valid concerns about how hard-earned taxpayer dollars are being allocated in Sunnyville.



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	Headline/Title of Article	Main Ideas Facts and Details	Attitude and Tone Descriptive words	Other Signs or Evidence of Bias
Source 1				
Source 2				



Reflection Questions- respond on a separate sheet

1. How does the tone or language differ between the two articles?
2. What perspective or opinion does each article seem to support?
3. Which article did you find more useful and why?

Extension: Choose a recent news event that interests you. Search for the event on well-known and reliable news sites. Find two articles from different sites that relate to the same event. Use the same chart to take notes and compare, create your own discussion questions and discuss your findings with others.