CATS vs DOGS

a reading & writing unit

integrated with both fiction and non-fiction texts

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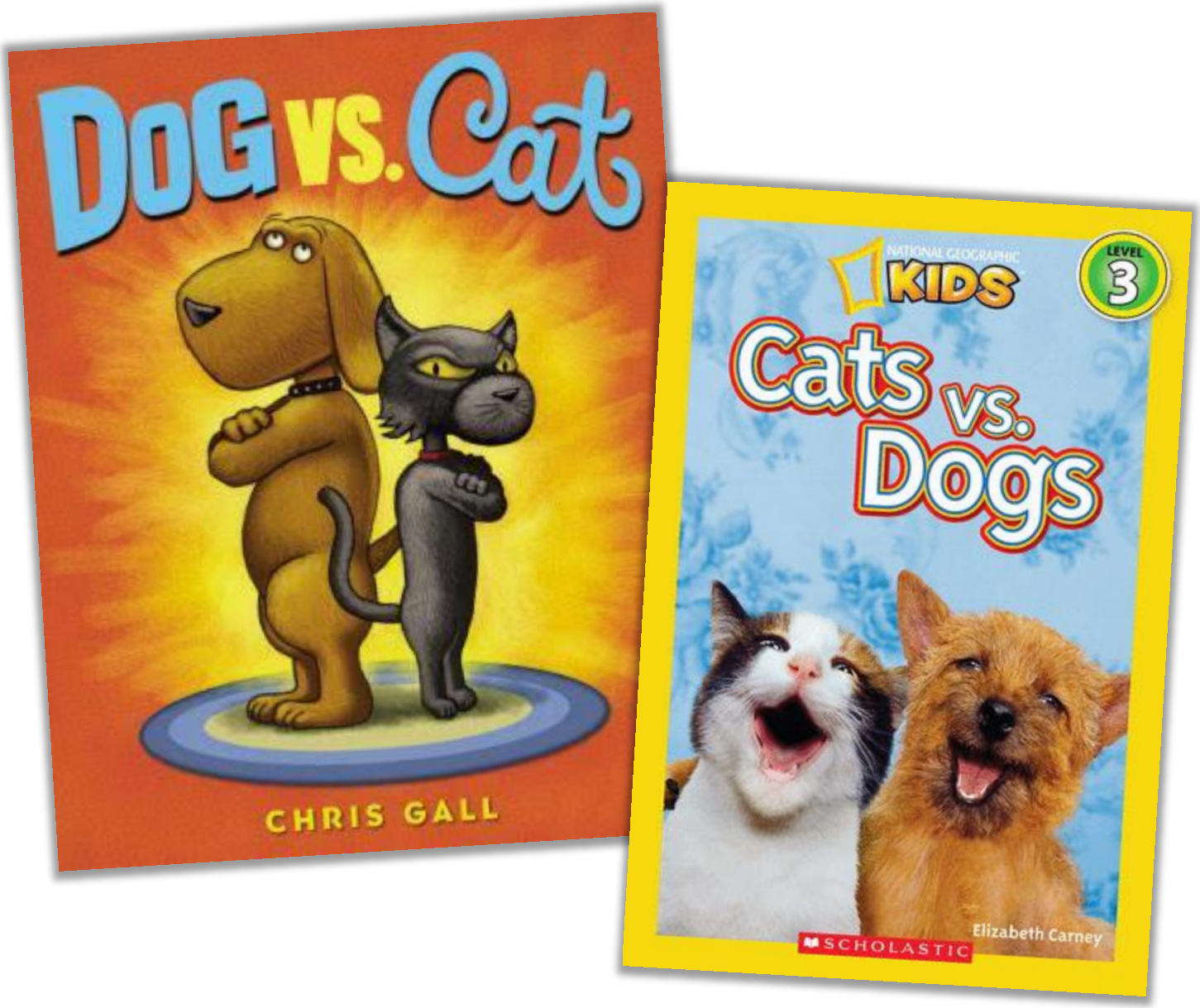
THE BOOKS

This unit was made as a companion to these two specific books:



PLEASE NOTE:

If you click each book, it will take you to the Amazon link to purchase them. **However, I chose these two books because they are available from Scholastic Book Clubs (for only $3 each!) if that is an option for you!** Always feel free to check your local library as well and see if they will order it for you!

IN THIS UNIT

Nonfiction activities

- Nonfiction book responses for the book:
  (National Geographic Cats vs. Dogs)
  - Including:
    - True or False Comprehension Check
    - Multiple Choice Comprehension Check
    - Vocabulary
    - Cat Facts
    - Dog Facts
- Question Cards for whole group, small group, and partner discussion.
- All about Dogs/Cats mini books
- Cat and Dog fact match up

Fiction activities

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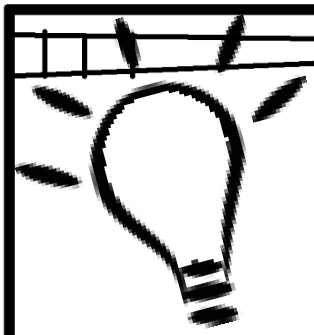

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NEW WORDS!

After listening to National Geographic's Cats vs. Dogs, let's see if you've learned the definition to some new words! Draw a line from the word to the correct definition.

CANINE

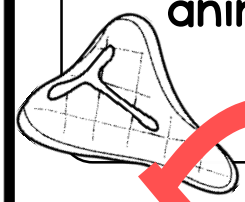
CARNIVORE

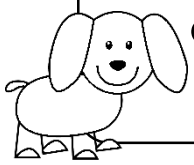
FELINE

An animal that eats other animals.

A meat eating mammal that includes cats, lions and tigers.

A meat eating mammal that includes dogs, wolves, and coyotes.





Write and illustrate a sentence using one of the vocabulary words above.

NAME: _____

PREVIEW

QUESTION 7:

In what ways are cats and dogs athletic?

QUESTION 8:

When it comes to the relatives, who would win a fight a wolf or a lion?

QUESTION 9:

Why are cats cleaner than dogs?

QUESTION 10:

How can dogs drink muddy water without getting sick?

QUESTION 11:

Why do cats bring home dead animals to their owners?

QUESTION 12:

Why do cats hold their tails straight up?

PREVIEW

ALL ABOUT

DOGS

BY: _____

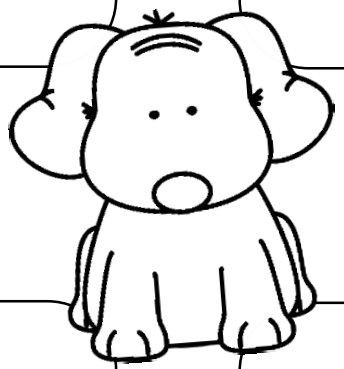
ALL ABOUT

CATS

BY: _____

PREVIEW

DOG FACTS



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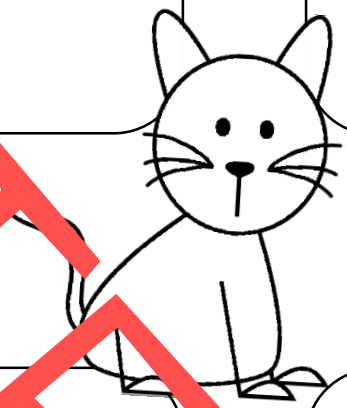

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DOG WORDS

Look at the new words I learned!

CANINE

PACK

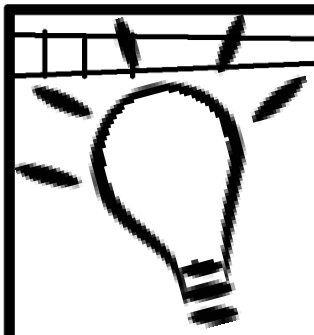
CAT WORDS

Look at the new words I learned!

FELINE

HERTZ

PREVIEW



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DOG & CAT CHARACTER TRAITS

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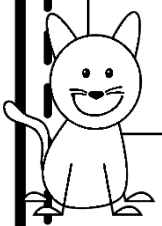
Think of a word to describe dog and a word to describe cat. Use examples from the text to defend your descriptions.

CAT



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DOG

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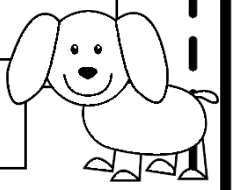

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LET'S LEARN NEW WORDS!

NAME: _____

Can you find where each vocabulary word was used in the story, *Dog vs. Cat* and use it in a sentence to show meaning.

MAINTAIN

DETERMINED

TERRIFYING

ISSUE

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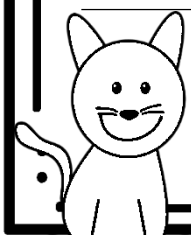

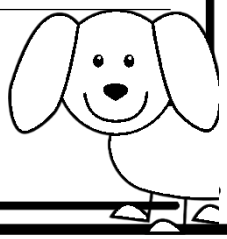

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Do cat and dog like the new "pet"? Why or why not?

QUESTION 8:

What did you think the new "pet" was going to be? Did you know it was a baby?

QUESTION 9:

How did cat and dog change from the beginning of the story to the end?

QUESTION 10:

What is the problem in this story? How did dog and cat solve it?

QUESTION 11:

What do cat and dog mean when they use the word "privileges"?

QUESTION 12:

After reading, would you rather have dog as a pet or cat? Why?

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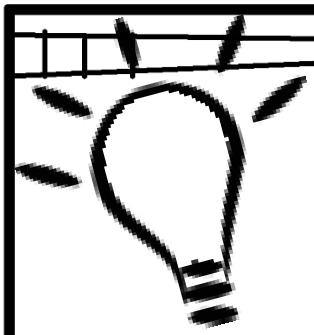

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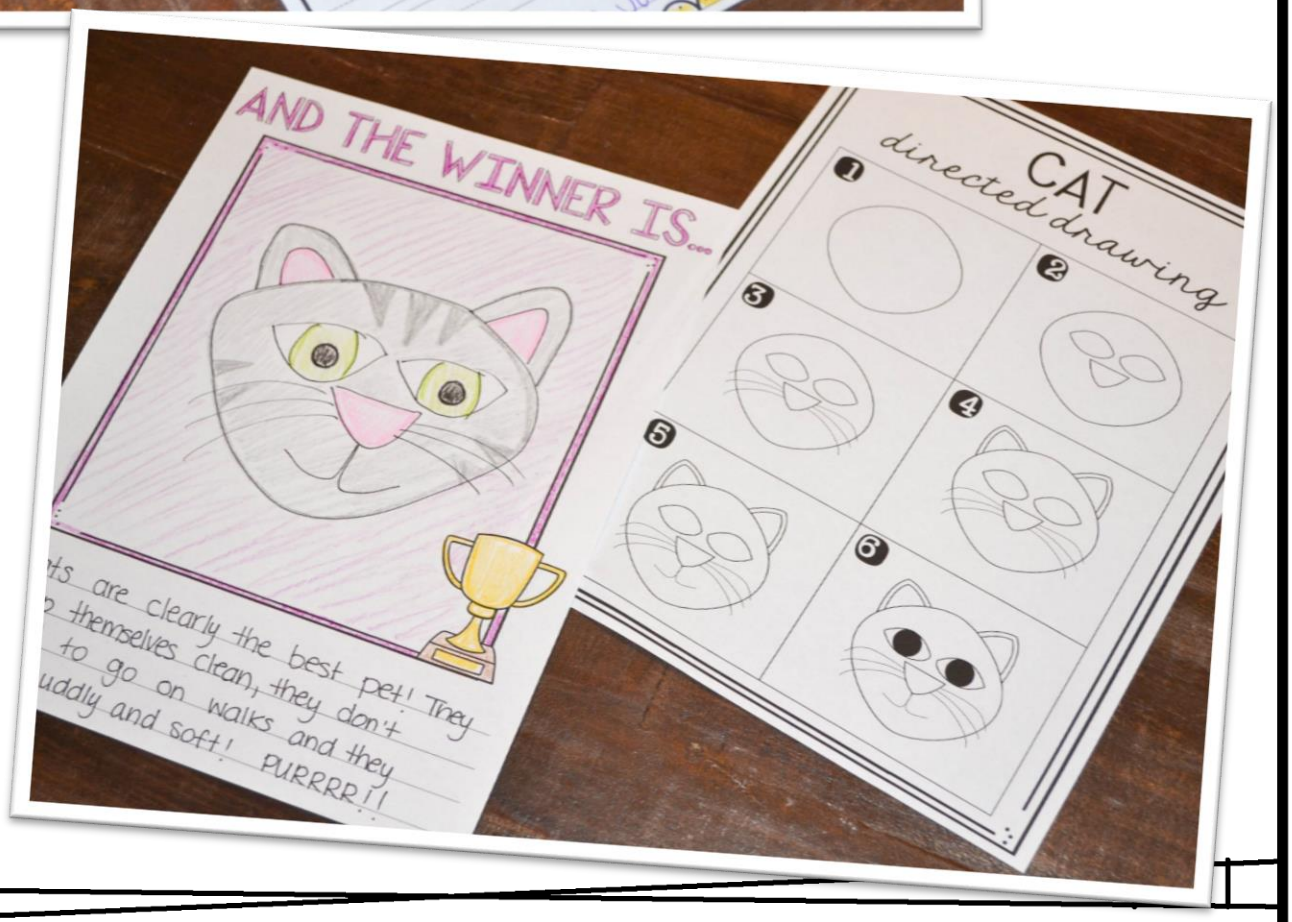
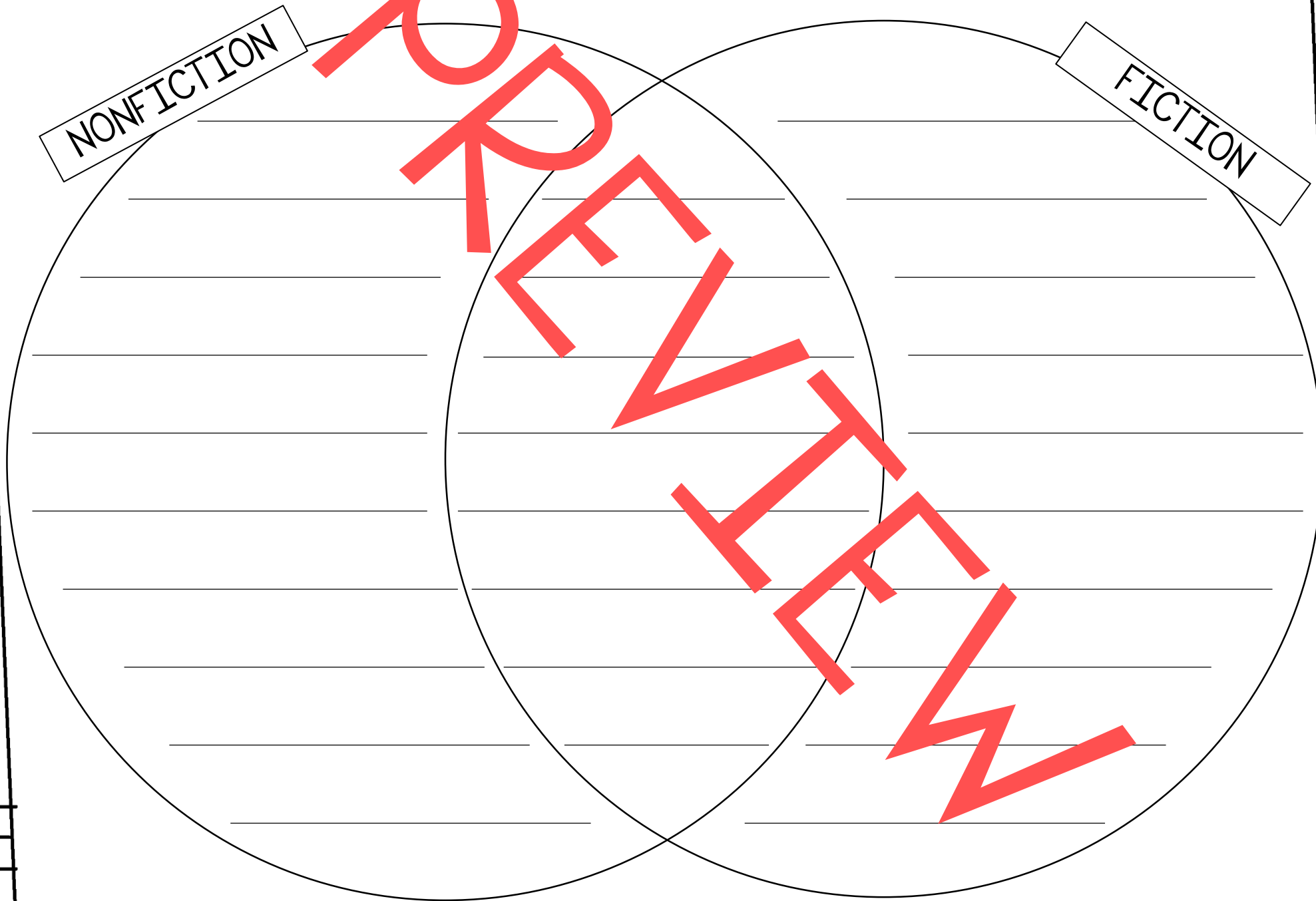


COMPARE & CONTRAST

How were the two books you read different? How were they the same? Explain!



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PROMPT 1:

If you were Mr. and Mrs. Button would you let cat and dog move outside together? Why or why not?

PROMPT 2:

Which pet do you think is best for your family? Give 3 reasons why.

PROMPT 3:

If a cat and a dog both got lost, which animal do you think would survive better? Why?

PROMPT 4:

Which book did you prefer? Cats vs. Dogs or Dog vs. Cat? Why?

PROMPT 5:

When the baby gets older, who do you think he/she will get along with better, cat or dog? Why?

PROMPT 6:

If you were an adult living by yourself, which pet would you prefer? Why?

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