

COMPARE AND CONTRAST: TWO EXPLORERS

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

Sue Hendrickson is an American woman who will go anywhere in the world for an adventure. Most of all, she loves to explore the ocean. One of her first jobs was to find tropical fish for pet stores and aquariums. Another job was to dive for beautiful shells on the ocean floor. Now, Sue goes on diving missions to investigate ships and ancient cities that have sunk to the bottom of the sea. One time, Sue worked with a team of divers to learn about a 400-year-old Spanish ship. They found many silver and gold coins and nearly 1,000 Chinese pots. On another mission, Sue went diving in Egypt to explore a sunken city. She found buildings, bridges, coins, vases, and other treasures that were thousands of years old. Sue is able to learn about the way people used to live by studying the things she finds underwater.

Alexandra David-Néel was an explorer of a different kind. She was born in France. Her curiosity about the people and cultures of Asia led her far from home. She traveled to India, Japan, and even to the highest city in the world. That city was Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. Tibet is a small state high in the Himalaya Mountains. These are the tallest mountains in the world. At the time that Alexandra went there, outsiders were not allowed into Lhasa. It was known as a “forbidden” city. It took Alexandra a year to prepare for her trip.

She had help from a boy named Yongden. Alexandra and Yongden disguised themselves in order to be allowed to enter Lhasa. When they got into the city, they watched and learned all about the way people lived in Lhasa. After staying for two months, Alexandra returned to France and wrote a book about her adventure.

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1. How are Sue and Alexandra alike?
 - a. They both traveled to other countries.
 - b. They both went to “forbidden” cities.
 - c. They both were born in France.
 - d. They both climbed the Himalayas.

2. How are Sue and Alexandra different?
 - a. Alexandra prefers to explore the ocean.
 - b. Alexandra had to wear a disguise.
 - c. Sue likes to go on adventures alone.
 - d. Sue never climbs mountains.

3. What is another important way that Sue and Alexandra are alike?

4. What is another important difference between Sue and Alexandra?
