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Use the chart below to **analyze key elements of your texts** and brainstorm ideas that you could develop in your essay. Jot down the first thoughts that come to mind as you read the guiding questions.

	<b>Text 1:</b> <b>Author:</b>	<b>Text 2:</b> <b>Author:</b>
<b>Main Idea:</b> What is the main point the author is trying to get across in this text?		
<b>Author's Point of View:</b> What is the author's opinion about the topic? What is the author's purpose for writing the text?		
<b>Organization:</b> Does the author organize the sentences, paragraphs, or sections in an interesting or purposeful way? How do these choices develop the argument or main idea?		
<b>Word Choice:</b> Does the author make any interesting word choices, like using emotionally charged words or memorable descriptive language?		
<b>Use of Evidence:</b> What kind of evidence does the author use to support the text's main idea or purpose? Does the author use quotations, statistics, or specific examples in the text? How does the author's choice of evidence influence the reader?		
<b>Use of Counterargument:</b> For an <b>argumentative text</b> , does the author give a reason why someone would disagree, then respond to that disagreement?		

Step back and look at your notes. Star (☆ or \*) three rows where you notice interesting similarities or differences between the two texts that you could write about in your essay.