

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: TEACHER'S GUIDE

1. Compare and contrast *I Can Hear the Sun* and *The Women Who Outshone the Sun* in terms of the main character's special connection with nature.
In *I Can Hear the Sun*, Fondo can communicate in his own special way with the geese. In *The Women Who Outshone the Sun*, the woman can somehow communicate with the river.
2. Compare and contrast *The Secret Footprints* and *The Women Who Outshone the Sun* in terms of discrimination.
In *The Secret Footprints*, we see stereotypes and fear, but not discrimination. In fact, the boy surprises the girl by treating her well. In *The Women Who Outshone the Sun*, the woman is discriminated against when she is banned from the village.
3. In which book is the main character most feared by others? How is this fear shown?
In *The Women Who Outshone the Sun*, the main character is most feared. This is shown by the villagers not even wanting to talk with her and kicking her out of the village instead.
4. Make a real life analogy between *The Women Who Outshone the Sun* and people who fear others because they are different.
Answers might mention students in school or people in the community who are shunned because they are different and not accepted by others. They might be feared and not understood. They might have qualities people do not recognize or appreciate.
5. Think of analogies for the following:
 - Ciguapas who have their feet on backwards can be compared with anyone who is different in real life.
 - A woman who can hold the river in her hair can be compared with a woman or man who is in touch with nature, etc. in real life.
 - The villagers losing their river because they take it for granted can be compared with people polluting the water supply in real life.
6. Why do you think people discriminate against others?
Because they don't understand them, they have stereotypes about them, they fear them, they have never bothered to talk to them and get to know them, they think they're better than them, or they want to take advantage of them
7. What can you do to stop discrimination?
There are a variety of things you can do:
 - Speak out when you see it happening
 - Do not let people stereotype others
 - Try to get to know people who are different from you
 - Accept people's differences and encourage others to do the same