Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer

	Tyler	Mari
Ethnic Background	• White • Family immigrated from Canada in the 1800s (87) • Beginning to see his social and legal privilege	• Mexican • Undocumented, has two American sisters (18)
History	• Multi-generation Vermont farming family (6) • Limited exposure to life outside his community—"For the first time in his life, he has met people who are really different." (49) • Father is seriously injured, threatening the family's ability to keep the farm (5)	• Born in Las Margaritas → North Carolina → Vermont (17) • Separated from mother (17) • Constantly worried about La Migra
Customs	• Daily routines tied to farm life: milking cows, maintaining the land • Halloween: Trick-or-Treating; jack-o'-lantern (104, 83) • Thanksgiving dinner with the whole family (112) • Celebrates Christmas, Groundhog Day on Feb. 2 • Town meeting day, special to Vermont (182)	• Bilingual Spanish is spoken at home, English in public, Spanish words sprinkled in • Sept. 16th-Mexican Independence day (71-72) • Day of the Dead: three days, alters to remember the dead (83) • Celebrates Christmas, Three King Day on Jan. 6, Day of the Candles on Feb. 2

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Values and Beliefs	• Responsibility, loyalty to family, and preserving the farm • Christian Faith (82) • Laws are always right and just; "All his life his parents had taught him to obey the laws and respect the United States of America." (56) • Hard work is recognized and rewarded • Sometimes doing the right thing is difficult–returning Mr. Rosetti's money	• Family unity is essential–always worrying about Tío's, father, sisters, never gives up on mother • "How sweet it is when a family is reunited and the lost ones are brought back into the fold." (134) • Catholic (135) • Hard work is necessary to survive • What is right does not always align with the law–"Why do we always have to hide how hard we are working? We are not criminals!" (203)
Priorities	• Saving the farm for his family, especially for his father and grandmother • Obedience, fairness, and following the law (56) • Broadening understanding of right and wrong–Tío Felipe is in jail, but not a bad person; his parents and uncle hire undocumented workers • New focus on protecting the people he cares about	• Supporting her family, especially her younger siblings • Bringing her family back together • Preserving her connection to her Mexican Heritage and family • Begins to trust and open up more–"I used to feel so alone, neither Mexican nor American. But now that I have a special friend I feel like I don't have to be one thing or another." (202)
Other	• Wants to do the right thing, but sometimes struggles–Tries to stand up to bullies, but backs down (66) • Has to mature quickly to help on the farm • Learning and evolving through his friendship with Mari	• Lives with constant uncertainty and fear • Has to mature quickly to take care of her family • Will do anything for family, even when it is scary and hard–giving her testimony Homeland Security (290-292)

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