

Lesson Plan *for*  
Marvelous  
Middle Grade  
Reads

# Are You Ready to Hatch an Unusual Chicken?

Written by Kelly Jones; illustrated by Katie Kath

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## LESSON FOCUS

Compare and Contrast

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

The main character is new to farming. In this lesson, students will have the opportunity to compare and contrast the differences between living in a rural area on Redwood Farm and in Los Angeles, CA.

## LEARNING TARGETS

1. Students will compare two places in a text.
2. Students will identify evidence in the text to support the comparison/contrast.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

1. *Are You Ready to Hatch an Unusual Chicken?* by Kelly Jones, pages 89–93
2. Compare/Contrast Chart

## ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

- Step 1: Introduce *Are You Ready to Hatch an Unusual Chicken?* by Kelly Jones. Students will read pages 89–93.

## SUMMARY

This laugh-out-loud sequel to *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* has EVEN MORE MAGIC CHICKENS! In this wildly funny and quirky novel told in letters and lists and quizzes, Sophie learns that even an exceptional poultry farmer can use some help.

Key ideas:

Redwood Farm	Los Angeles
Cut grass and bale it	Don't know what baling is
You call some friends with apple ladders	Doesn't know how to pick apples
People talk about deer fences	Which bus system uses which kind of transfer, or when the free day is at the museums
People use wells here	What to do if someone is getting mugged

**Step 2:** Determine the differences. Students will read the assigned pages independently or they can be read as a class. Students will look for differences between living at Redwood Farm and living in Los Angeles.

- Students should highlight any differences in the text.
- Students should complete the Compare/Contrast Chart.
- Students should team up and compare their details used for support.

Directions: Compare and contrast the differences between living in a rural area and living in Los Angeles, CA. Copy specific details from the text to support the differences.

Redwood Farm	Los Angeles

(If needed, please use an additional sheet of paper to respond)