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## Quixote and Sancho Answer Key

### Completed Comparison Chart

Theme	Don Quixote's View (Idealistic)	Sancho Panza's View (Realistic)
Adventure (e.g., windmills)	Sees giants and heroic quests everywhere.	Sees windmills and ordinary events—practical and cautious.
Dulcinea	Believes she is a noble lady under enchantment.	Knows she is just a peasant woman.
Wealth and Rewards	Dreams of kingdoms, glory, and grand rewards.	Hopes for small but tangible benefits, like food, money, or land.
Justice / Helping Others	Thinks freeing prisoners or defending strangers is noble, no matter the outcome.	Worries about real consequences, such as danger or being tricked.
Defeat or Failure	Refuses to admit defeat—blames enchantments or bad luck.	Accepts setbacks as part of life and often urges Don Quixote to face reality.

### Sample Reflection Answer

Cervantes uses the contrast between Don Quixote and Sancho Panza to explore how people balance dreams with reality. Don Quixote represents idealism: he sees the world as he wants it to be. Sancho, however, represents realism: he sees the world as it truly is. Together, they create humor but also raise questions about whether people should chase impossible dreams or stick to practical truth. Cervantes seems to admire Don Quixote's spirit, even while showing the dangers of his delusions.