

Source Showdown Answer Key

1. The plan to introduce electric scooters for student transportation.
2. Both texts discuss the school district scooter program.
3. Example answer: The program may reduce traffic and help students arrive on time.
4. Example answer: Scooters may increase the risk of injuries.
5. Text One says scooters improve transportation, while Text Two says scooters increase danger.
6. Text One.
7. Text Two.
8. Officials focus on efficiency and responsibility, while parents focus on safety and injury risks.
9. Text One, because it highlights traffic reduction and student independence.

Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet strengthens **source comparison** skills by requiring students to examine **agreements, contradictions, and perspective shifts**.
- For differentiation:
 - Allow struggling students to work with a partner to underline confirming and conflicting details.
 - Challenge advanced students to identify which source seems more reliable and why.
- For engagement:
 - Assign half the class to defend Text One and the other half to defend Text Two using only passage evidence.
 - Hold a short discussion on how tone changes between sources.
- For extension:
 - Have students locate two short real news articles on the same topic and repeat the crosscheck.
 - Ask students to write a third balanced paragraph that includes both viewpoints.