Compare Two Texts

Grade 4 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

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2. Text 2 mentions Mexico. What does Text 1 say monarchs do there?
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