**Story Structure: Comparing and Contrasting**

**Directions:** Read the passage. Use the reading to complete the graphic organizer with informationfrom the story.

Lasting Friendships

Sasha and Elizabeth have been fast friends for a long time. Although they enjoy some common interests, these two girls can be quite different as well. They have done just about everything together since they were children.

Both girls are enthusiastic college students and attend the same college in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth’s major is in psychology and Sasha is a biology major. The transition from high school to college has been a challenging one for Elizabeth in getting adjusted to being away from home. However, Sasha has adapted well to the new change and has not experienced any issues or concerns of being homesick. Being hesitant to take a chance, Elizabeth has not made many new friends yet. Her friend Sasha, who possesses a rather outgoing personality, has spread her wings while making many new acquaintances. She can often be found meeting her friends for lunch or joining in evening study groups. The girls both work part time jobs on campus. They agree that college can be difficult and have put forth additional effort in order to maintain their good grades. Sasha and Elizabeth are determined to accomplish their goals and reach their dreams.

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| What is being compared and contrasted in the reading passage? |
| Ways Similar: | Initials | Ways Different: | Initials |
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