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The same story told in three different points of view. Read them and hunt for evidence with a highlighter. Then sort them onto a classroom tree map.

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