

Name _____ **Parable**



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DIRECTIONS: Read the story. Complete the checklist. Then explain whether or not the story is a parable.

A very rich man took his son to visit a family in the country so his son would understand the meaning of poverty. They stayed overnight with a poor family, and when they returned home, his father asked him if he now understood the meaning of poverty. The son replied enthusiastically. "Yes! While we have one dog, that family had four. While we have a pool, they have a river with an end they cannot see. While we have lamps in our house, they have the stars. While we have a patio that ends at the edge of our yard, they have the horizon. I understand now how poor we are."

- The characters are people.
- The characters are animals.
- The story illustrates a moral or spiritual lesson.
- The story uses symbolism to make a point.

Is this story a parable?
