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Use the Think Aloud on Teacher's Edition page T348 to model using Step 2 to complete this chart. Sample answers are shown.

Topic I would rather go to a small store.	
Story Details	My Experiences
buy milk, juice, butter, and eggs close by at a small store get cheese and pickle sandwiches	We have a small store near our house. I always get a snack. The owner, Mrs. Gaza, calls me by name. She has known me since I was a baby.

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Sample answers:

- **Topic:** How neighbors help each other solve problems
- **Details from Both Stories:** *Grandpa's Corner Store:* neighbors show Grandpa that they like his store and they help him fix it up; *Big Bushy Mustache:* Papi cuts off his mustache and gives it to Ricky, so he won't get in trouble with his teacher.
- **My Experiences:** Neighbors helped me last week when I lost my backpack.