

Five & Five

In this activity, you will compare and contrast innovative roller coaster rides—Coney Island’s Switchback Railway and Magic Mountain’s X2—using this month’s “Yesterday & Today” feature.

Directions: In the box on the left, write five facts about the Switchback Railway that you learned from the “Yesterday & Today” article. In the box on the right, write five facts about Magic Mountain’s X2.

Facts	
The Switchback Railway	The X2
1. _____ _____ _____	1. _____ _____ _____
2. _____ _____ _____	2. _____ _____ _____
3. _____ _____ _____	3. _____ _____ _____
4. _____ _____ _____	4. _____ _____ _____
5. _____ _____ _____	5. _____ _____ _____

Critical Thinking

Use your list to write a well-organized paragraph in which you compare and contrast the first American roller coaster with Magic Mountain’s latest state-of-the-art thrill ride, X2. (Use a separate piece of paper.)