Reading Comprehension: Compare and Contrast

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   c. You had to ride a bus to both places.
   d. Both places allow you to see interesting things and learn about them.

2. Based on the two paragraphs, how are the two museums different?
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   b. One museum had dinosaurs and the virtual museum had pictures of them.
   c. You got to touch the artifacts at the first museum but you only got to look at pictures at the virtual museum.
   d. The virtual museum had more to see than the other museum.

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