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Make Connections to Compare

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Text to World: Can you think of a time when people had to rebuild something after a disaster?

Text to Text: Have you read another story about someone who didn't give up?

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1. **Text to Self:** Have you ever worked hard to solve a problem, like Ruby?

Yes, once I had to fix my bike after the chain came off. It was hard at first, but I kept trying, and I felt proud when I fixed it.

2. **Text to World:** Can you think of a time when people had to rebuild something after a disaster?

After a hurricane, people rebuilt their homes. They worked together to make the community strong again.

3. **Text to Text:** Have you read another story about someone who didn't give up?

A girl learned to swim even though she was scared of water. She practiced every day and finally succeeded.