Article #1: Alaska

<u>Alaska is the largest State in the United States and has a</u> <u>population of about 700,000 people</u>. This large State sits on the west coast and has 6,640 miles of coastline. It is a large producer of oil and fish and is home to many different species of wildlife. Many people visit Alaska to view the beautiful mountains and abundant wildlife, but few live here because of the extreme weather conditions.

Article #2 Rhode Island

<u>Rhode Island is the smallest State in the United States and has a</u> <u>population of just over one million people</u>. This small State sits on the east coast and has 400 miles of coastline. Rhode Island is a large producer of lobster, but its biggest trade is in finance. Many people visit Rhode Island each year to visit the many beaches, as well as the city of Newport, the sailing capital of the world.

Name three things that both Alaska and Rhode Island have in common.

Each article has a phrase underlined. What surprising fact can you determine from these phrases?

Name three things that are different about Alaska and Rhode Island.

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