**Q: Compare and/or contrast the values in 2 autobiographical texts you have studied this year and how these values are presented in each text.**

The text Land’s Edge: A Coastal Memoir by Tim Winton establishes the values of nature and the environment. Winton does this through the language conventions of recurring motifs and **description**. When describing his emotions when in the coast, Winton has a recurring motif of feeling “at home”. This occurs when he writes about “not needing a map to know where he was” and “having a life and a place” in the coast. This means that the beach is the place that he truly feels as though he belongs and as such establishes the value of the environment **by creating a positive theme and vibrant atmosphere in relation to the coast**. He describes the coast with **description**, using words such as “momentary point of summer” and “mottling of deeps and shallows”, **placing emphasis on the beach and its features**. This shows that he values the environment since he describes it with such **positive description**.

**In contrast to the text Land’s Edge: A Coastal Memoir**, the text Heart is Where the Home Was by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie establishes the values of meaningful relationships. Adichie does this through the language conventions **and conventions of indirect characterization** of juxtaposition and narrational commentary. When looking at the children of her childhood home, she describes feeling “far removed from them yet still close”. This juxtaposition shows that she values meaningful relationships since she values her relationship with the children of her past childhood. Adichie describes feeling sad because her friend is marrying a man purely for money. This narrational commentary implies that she values meaningful relationships since she values her friend’s relationship quality and as such is disheartened when she finds that her friend has a non-meaningful relationship simply for tangible objects.

The text Land’s Edge: A Coastal Memoir by Tim Winton establishes the values of nature and the environment, but in contrast The text Heart is Where the Home Was by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie establishes the values of meaningful relationships.