Goat and Cow decided to team up on a painting for the animal art contest.

“We'll make a goat team, Cow,” baaa-ed Goat.

“Goat team?” Cow frowned.
“Don't you mean good team?”

Goat nodded. “That's what I said. Would you like to paint first?”

“I mooost certainly would,” mooed Cow. She painted one big yellow circle on their big piece of paper. “I hope everyone loves my warm yellow sun.”

Goat painted two big blue circles. “I hope everyone loves my cool blue lakes.”

Horse trotted up. “Howdy neighhhh-bors,” she neighed. “May I paint with you?”

Cow shook her head. “Sorry, Horse, but we don't have another brush.”

“I'll use my tail as a brush,” Horse said.

“That's a goat idea, Horse,” baaa-ed Goat.

“Goat idea?” Horse frowned. “Don't you mean good idea?”

Goat nodded. “That's what I said.” Then Goat looked sad. “But we don't have a
Goat painted blue sky around the warm sun. “There,” he baaa-ed. “Now everyone will see beautiful blue on both the top and bottom of our painting.”

“Suns, lakes, flowers and sky are nice,” Cow said. “But our painting needs more.”

“I have an idea,” Horse said. “Goat, please pour some blue paint on that rock. Cow, please pour some yellow paint next to the blue paint.”

Goat and Cow poured.

“Now watch,” Horse said. She waggled her tail back and forth, mixing the two colors.

“Wooie mooie!” cried Cow. “Green paint! You’re smart, Horse.”

“I couldn’t have done it without your yellow paint, Cow,” Horse neighed. “And I couldn’t have done it without Goat’s blue paint.”


“It mooost certainly is.” mooed Cow. “And now, Horse, it’s your turn to paint.”

Horse smiled. Swishing her tail she painted a meadow of cool green grass around the yellow flowers and blue lakes.

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   This is a fable. Fables are stories teaching a life lesson and they’ve 
   personified animal characters.

2) What is the difference between a parable and fable?
   
   While both try to teach a moral, parables have humans as characters and 
   fables basically rely on animals to convey the message.

3) What is the message that you get from the story?
   
   When we are together, we can do things much better and bigger than 
   when we do them alone.

4) How does the introduction of the Horse change the story?
   
   With the introduction of the Horse, things take a more eventful turn, the 
   painting ideas become innovative and the three begin painting together.

5) Compare and contrast the characters of Cow and Goat to the Horse’s.
   
   The Cow and Goat follow a set pattern and they don’t want to experiment, 
   while the Horse essentially deals with painting in an out-of-the-box way.
   
   The Horse’s ideas work, and together they make an amazing painting.