**2.9 Comparison Essay PLAN Option #1**

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| **Essential Question**  Write **which one of the two** essential questions you have chosen in the space below. |
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| **Thesis Statement**  Write a one- or two-sentence thesis statement for your essay. It should be a sentence that answers the essential question and takes a clear position on the question. Include a “because” or “but” statement. |
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| **Topic Sentence—Body Paragraph #1**  Write one sentence that summarizes this paragraph about a character who demonstrates the essential question in a **positive** way. |
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| **Topic Sentence—Body Paragraph #2**  Write one sentence that summarizes this paragraph about a character who demonstrates the essential question in a **negative** way. |
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| **Topic Sentence—Body Paragraph #3**  Write one sentence that summarizes this paragraph about the **outcomes** of each character’s life in light of their positive or negative demonstrations of the essential question. Keep this general. You will go into detail later in the paragraph. |
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| **Introduction** | |
| **Hook** (Use a creative attention getter—short story, question, strong statement, statistic, quotation from a text, etc.) |  |
| **Background Information** (Introduce the topic and any texts/authors/characters you’ll be discussing) |  |
| **Thesis Statement** (Copy from your plan.) |  |

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| **Body Paragraph #1—Character who is a *positive* example of essential question** | |
| **Topic Sentence** (Copy from previous page.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #1 from Text** (One example in each body paragraph needs to be a quotation from the text with the page number.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #2 from Text** |  |
| **Supporting Example #3 from Text** |  |

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| **Body Paragraph #2—Character who is a *negative* example of essential question** | |
| **Topic Sentence** (Copy from previous page.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #1 from Text** (One example in each body paragraph needs to be a quotation from the text with the page number.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #2 from Text** |  |
| **Supporting Example #3 from Text** |  |

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| **Body Paragraph #3—*Outcome* of each character’s life based on his or her response to the essential question** | |
| **Topic Sentence** (Copy from previous page.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #1 from Text** (One example in each body paragraph needs to be a quotation from the text with the page number.) |  |
| **Supporting Example #2 from Text** |  |
| **Supporting Example #3 from Text** |  |

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| **Conclusion** | |
| **Thesis Statement** (Restate in different words.) |  |
| **Essay Wrap-Up** (Use a so-what statement, summary of key ideas, or call to action.) |  |
| **Clincher** (Include a creative ending to keep audience thinking about your argument: quotation, short story, strong statement, question, etc.) |  |