

2.9 Comparison Essay PLAN Option #1

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 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.)

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

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	

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	

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.)