



Comparison/Contrast Essay Rough Draft Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure you are addressing elements that will influence the overall score of your essay.



Introduction

- Does your introduction begin with a hook that gets your audience's attention and reflects the shared underlying message (theme) of both versions of the story?
- Does your introduction clarify *how* these versions explore this idea and then follow with a concise overview of the plot that includes the **Title, Author, and Setting**?
- Does your thesis statement **clearly attack the question** and **set up the organization** of the rest of the essay?

Body Paragraphs (You should have at least three)

- Do your **topic sentences** *attack* your thesis statement making a point about the relationship between these two works that establishes a focus for the entire paragraph?
- Do you *bring* support for each topic sentence with **specific details** from the stories **including quotations**?
- Do you **explain** how the supporting examples **relate to your comparison**?
- Do you *close the deal* on each body paragraph with a **clincher** that **reinforces the overall contribution of your evidence** towards the development of your point or that helps you **transition** to the next paragraph?

Conclusion

- Does your conclusion emphasize how one of these works accomplishes something the other does not?
- Does your conclusion **review your thesis statement** and perhaps build upon it using language that does not sound repetitive?
- Does your conclusion make an effort to **extend** the author's thematic point to life in general and make a final closing observation or insight that leaves your reader with something to consider?