

# NOVEL COMPARE AND CONTRAST

## Semester exam paper

For this essay you will be writing a paper about one of the TWO NOVELS that we recently read in class (Reg – Outsiders or TWTTIN; ADV – Gospel or Princess). You will analyze how this book connects to life here at Fishers Junior High. I want to see the connections that can be made between our novel and our real life here at school.

Your task is to compare and contrast the **CONFLICTS** (Internal and/or External), the **PLOT** and the **CHARACTERS** of both the novel you chose and our school. Be sure to provide support for each similarity or difference you come up with.

You will need to find evidence from the NOVEL to support your comparisons or to justify your differences. The stronger your argument and the more convincing you are, the better your grade will be. I am looking to see how you address at least three main issues in your essay.

For the essay, you don't have to prewrite, but I would encourage it to help keep you organized. Be sure to have an intro w/ hook and thesis, body with supporting details that answer the question AND examples, as well as a conclusion.

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Criteria					Points Missed
<b><u>IDEAS</u></b> <b>20 POINTS</b>  <i>Topic clarity; argument presented well; Thesis statement and topic sentences thoroughly supported by quality evidence</i>	<b>NEEDS MAJOR WORK</b> <b>1 - 11</b>  Poorly developed; Many weaknesses	<b>NEEDS WORK</b> <b>12 - 16</b>  Developing, but still several weaknesses	<b>GOOD</b> <b>17-19</b>  Strengths outweigh weaknesses,	<b>EXCELLENT</b> <b>20</b>  Outstanding or very strong	
<b><u>COMPARE / CONTRAST IDEAS</u></b> <b>10 POINTS</b>  <i>Sets forth a solid argument and supports it with facts. Appeals to the reader's emotions</i>	<b>NEEDS MAJOR WORK</b> <b>1 - 5</b>  Many weaknesses or inadequacies	<b>NEEDS WORK</b> <b>6-7</b>  Developing, but still several weaknesses	<b>GOOD</b> <b>8-9</b>  Strengths outweigh weaknesses.	<b>EXCELLENT</b> <b>10</b>  Highly effective	
<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b> <b>10 POINTS</b>  <i>Inclusion of definite introduction &amp; conclusion. Topic sentences; Paragraphs; Logical order; Transitions</i>	<b>NEEDS MAJOR WORK</b> <b>1-5</b>  Many weaknesses	<b>NEEDS WORK</b> <b>6-7</b>  Developing, but still several weaknesses	<b>GOOD</b> <b>8-9</b>  Strengths outweigh weaknesses,	<b>EXCELLENT</b> <b>10</b>  Outstanding	
<b><u>CONVENTIONS</u></b> <b>10 POINTS</b>  <i>Capitalization; Punctuation; Spelling; Grammar; Usage; Consistent verb tense; Run-ons and Fragments; Indentation</i>	<b>NEEDS MAJOR WORK</b> <b>1-5</b>  Many errors	<b>NEEDS WORK</b> <b>6-7</b>  Several errors	<b>GOOD</b> <b>8-9</b>  Some errors	<b>EXCELLENT</b> <b>10</b>  Nearly error free	

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_ / 50